



Founded in 2007, the **Palm Springs Air Museum Pipe Band** is a unique group of pipers and drummers and the only bagpipe band within hours of the **Coachella Valley, CA**. Members range in skill from beginners to champions, including surgeon, Clan Chieftain, business professionals, US + UK + Canadian Armed Forces Veterans & Retirees, current and retired Law Enforcement Officers, retired business people, students, Canadian “Snowbirds” and others. Associate membership also includes **Highland Dancers and Scottish Fiddlers**.

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Why do reopening guidelines differ among valley's senior centers?

The Coachella Valley's senior centers, or community centers for older adults, are reopening within the next few weeks. Despite initial coordination on those plans, not all of the centers are opening at the same time — or following the same guidelines.

The Joslyn Center in Palm Desert, for example, will open next week, while others are waiting to be in closer alignment with the state's reopening date of June 15.

In board discussions and in meetings together, senior center leaders have weighed concerns about privacy and individual freedom against issues of public health and safety. The result is varying rules about face masks — and only one place allowing vaccinated people to enter without a mask.

"That's happened every step of the way," said Jeff Corbin, president and CEO of the Cathedral City Senior Center.

Though California's tiered blueprint for reopening is to end by mid-June, no guidance was provided for senior centers.

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said Jack Newby, executive director of the Joslyn Center in Palm Desert. "No one was able to give us an end of clear answer."

order to get some guidance, Newby and other directors met with Riverside County Public Health Officer Dr. Geoffrey Leung.

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MEMORIAL DAY
REMEMBER AND HONOR OUR HEROES

A voice for the fallen

The Palm Springs Air Museum Pipe Band plays off the aircraft as they get ready to fly on Sunday.

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Palm Springs Air Museum Flower Drop draws hundreds on Sunday

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The Palm Springs Air Museum held the first day of its Memorial Day Weekend Air Fair and Flower Drop on Sunday — the museum's first major event since the COVID-19 pandemic began last year.

The Air Fair has been staged in various forms on

Memorial Day since the museum was founded in 1996. The flower drop, which involves emptying bags of red and white carnations from a helicopter, has been held for about 15 years, according to the museum's vice chairman, Fred Bell.

The event's purpose, according to Bell, "is to give a voice to those people who have fallen in service of our country so they won't be forgotten."

The white carnations are intended to honor veterans who died in World War I, World War II, and the Korea and Vietnam wars, according to the museum.

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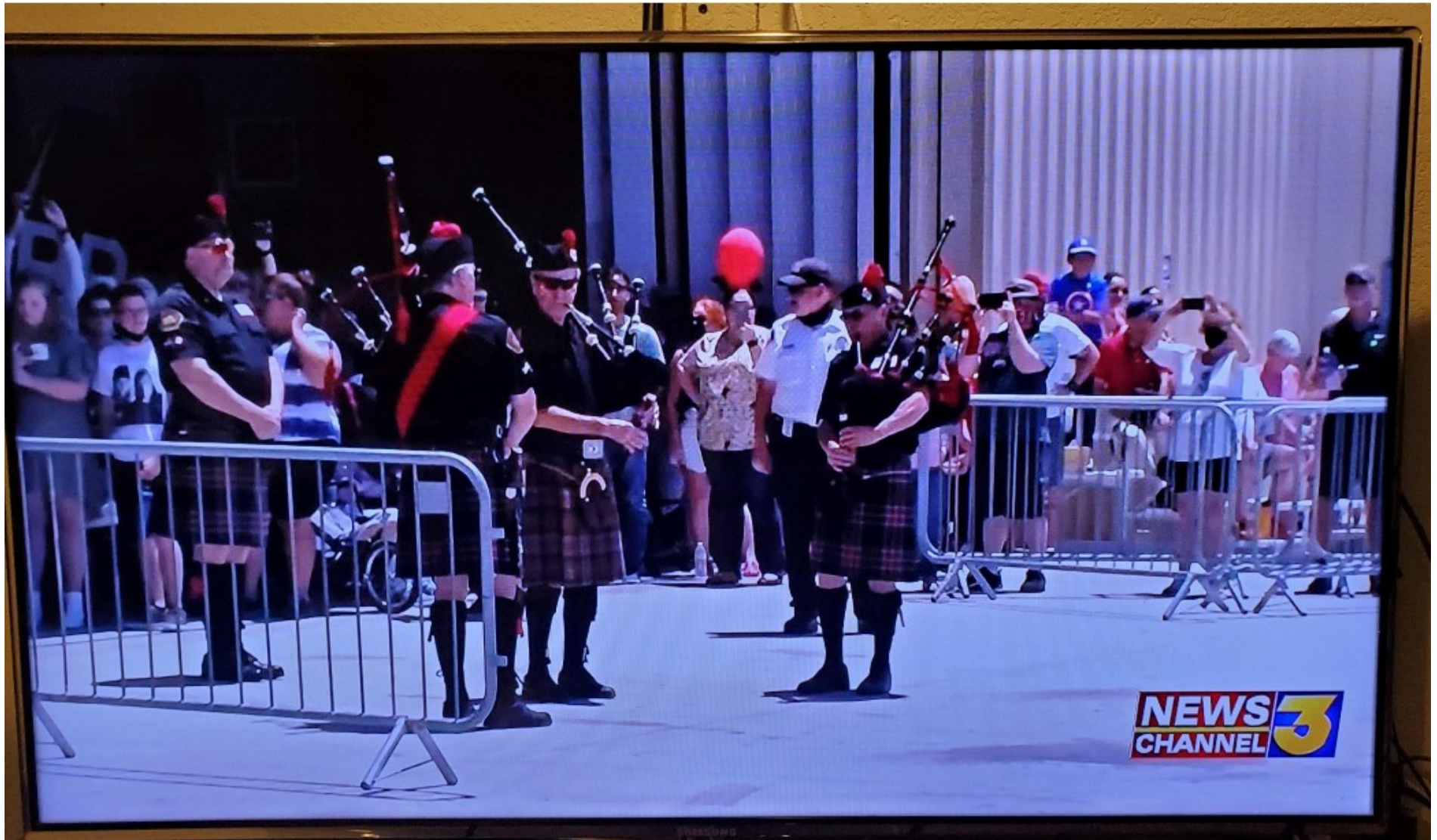
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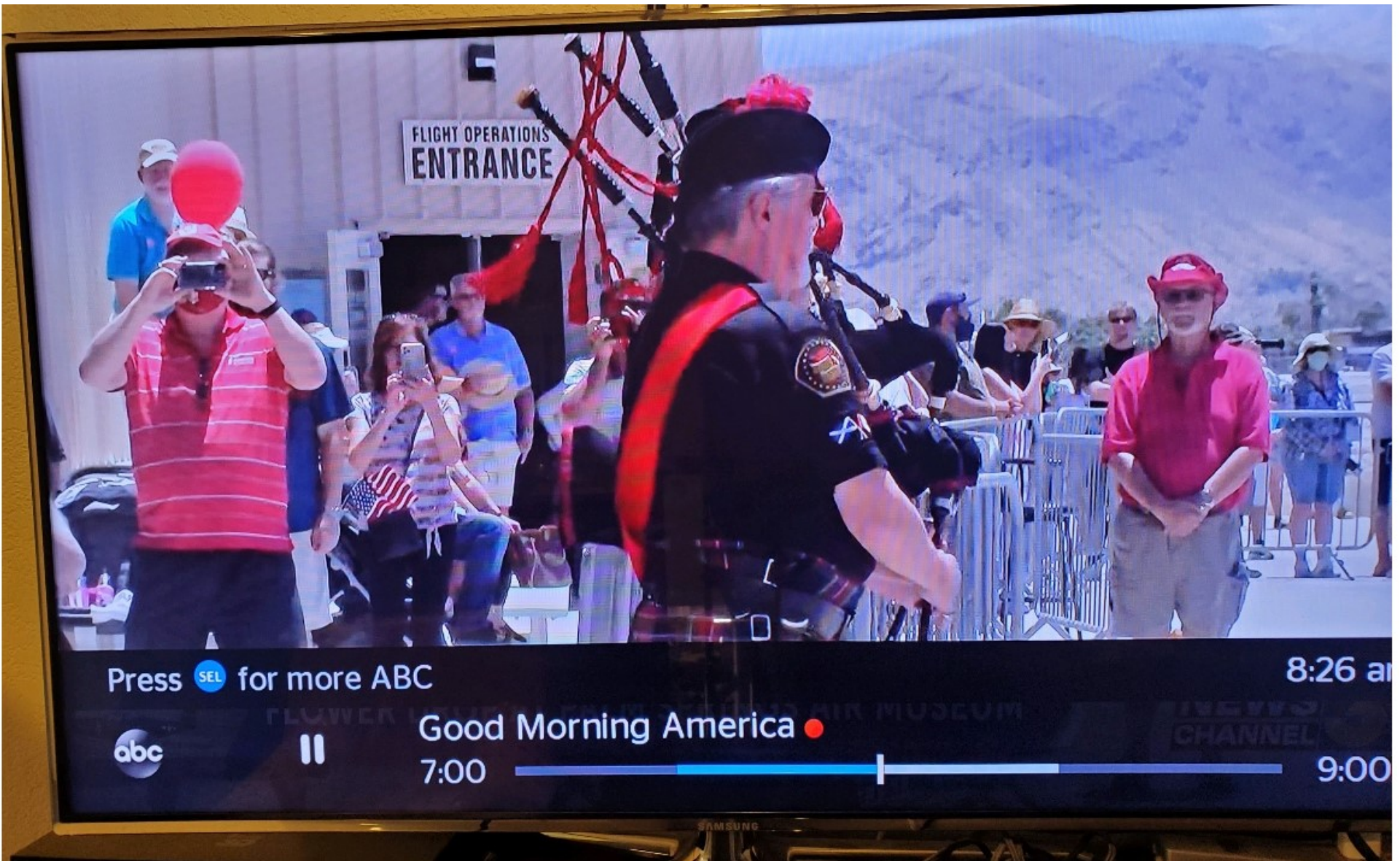
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MEMORIAL DAY - 2021



Memorial Day is an American holiday, observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Memorial Day 2021 will occur on Monday, May 31. Originally known as **Decoration Day**, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings and participating in parades. Unofficially, it marks the beginning of the summer season.





PALM SPRINGS AIR MUSEUM MEMORIAL WEEKEND & 2021



HONOR THE *fallen* MAY 30-31 AIR FAIR & FLOWER DROP

STARTING
10 AM

1PM CEREMONY FOLLOWED BY MISSING MAN FORMATION AND
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ACTIVITIES

START
10AM

- 129 Palms USMC Color Guard
- Palm Springs Air Museum Pipe Band
- Music by Heatwave Jazz Band
- Kids' Activities
- Charge the Claw
- Local Patriotic Student Art Submissions on Display

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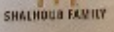
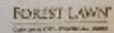
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