

# SUNSHINE SKYWAY 10K BRIDGE RUN

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## Skyway 10K to host General Dynamics expo, concert series for race packet pickup

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. – The Second Annual [Skyway 10K](#) is scheduled to host the [General Dynamics Ordnance and Tactical Systems Music Fest and Skyway 10K Race Expo](#) on March 2 from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. at Tropicana field.

The music fest and expo, which is **free and open to the public**, is scheduled to take place one day before the official race day at Lot 7 of Tropicana Field, where runners will pick up their race packets and enjoy live music, vendor booths and more.

Musical acts scheduled to perform at the expo include [Love and Theft](#), [Glass Half Full](#), [Doug South & The Roundabouts](#) and [NoNeed](#).

“We’re turning this year’s packet pickup into one big pre-race party,” said Brian Horne, event director of the Skyway 10K. “This expo, graciously presented by General Dynamics Ordnance and Tactical Systems, is going to get our race weekend off to a proper start with live bands, food trucks, sponsor vendors and many other activities.”

The family-friendly events, which include the expo, race-day concert and race spectating on the jumbotron at Tropicana Field, are **free and open to the public**. Those attending are encouraged to wear anything patriotic or supportive of America’s armed forces.

This year's Skyway 10K is scheduled to take place on March 3 and is the largest fundraising event benefiting the [Armed Forces Families Foundation](#), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that provides 100 percent of the funds they raise back to [projects to help military families](#).

The inaugural 2018 Skyway 10K hosted 7,000 runners from 40 states, three countries and all five branches of the U.S. Armed Forces as they crossed the Bob Graham Sunshine Skyway Bridge. In its first year, the race event sold out in less than five days and raised \$560,000 for the Armed Forces Families Foundation.

This year's race, which will host 8,000 runners, is set to begin on I-275 at the south rest area of the bridge and finish at the rest area on the north side of the bridge, totaling 10 kilometers or 6.2 miles.

Only the northbound lanes of the Sunshine Skyway Bridge are scheduled to be closed from 3:30 a.m.-11 a.m.

Live coverage of the run and events at Tropicana Field will be broadcast by [10News WTSP](#).

Sponsors of the 2019 Skyway 10K include the [General Dynamics Ordnance and Tactical Systems](#), [iHeart Radio](#), [Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino](#), [Visit St. Pete/Clearwater](#), [American Hero Construction](#), [BioSpine Foundation](#) and more.

For sponsoring or volunteering information for the second annual Skyway 10K, email [info@skyway10k.com](mailto:info@skyway10k.com) or visit [www.Skyway10K.com](http://www.Skyway10K.com).

All proceeds from the event will go to support the [Armed Forces Families Foundation](#), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that provides 100 percent of the funds they raise back to [projects to help military families](#).

To date, the Armed Forces Families Foundation has raised and given back more than \$2 million to benefit military families. Recent projects include:

- \$61,794 for the construction of a new handicap accessible pavilion at Wounded Warriors Abilities Ranch, a new outdoor recreation area at Lurie Park in Pinellas Park, Florida.
- \$73,000 to expand the USO center at the Information Warfare Training Command Corry Station
- \$13,171 for the expansion of the USO facility at Fort Campbell, Kentucky.
- \$35,000 to construct a "leveled library" to over 700 Pre-K-8<sup>th</sup> grade students at Freedom Park Elementary School located on Fort Gordon in Augusta, Georgia. The leveled library will consist of more than 6,240 content-area books that will engage students at various skill levels.
- \$11,146 for the purchase and installation of items needed to create fully-accessible indoor and outdoor theater spaces at the James H. Quillen VA Medical Center Community Living Center in Mountain Home, Tennessee.

To learn more about the Armed Forces Families Foundation or to help fund other projects that help military members and their families, please visit [www.armedforcesfamilies.org](http://www.armedforcesfamilies.org).

**About Armed Forces Families Foundation:**

The Armed Forces Families Foundation, together with participating Taco Bell and IHOP restaurants, are proud supporters of America's armed forces and their families. Since 2006, the Armed Forces Families Foundation has raised and given back more than \$2 million to fund and develop infrastructure projects that help the families of our service men and women. One hundred percent of every dollar raised goes directly toward projects to help the families of those who protect our freedom. For more information, please visit [ArmedForcesFamilies.org](http://ArmedForcesFamilies.org).