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### **20<sup>th</sup> Annual BayFest Celebrates 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Statehood**

MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, HI – July 28, 2009 – While BayFest is celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of rockin’ the bay, Hawaii is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of statehood. To commemorate this special occasion, BayFest is hosting a family day Sunday, August 16, featuring a Hawaiian-style Jam.

Ten Feet kicks off the evening of music at 5:00 p.m. The award-winning band’s third album, *Everyday*, features a blend of original compositions and covers, such as Jason Mraz’s “I’m Yours.”

Taking the stage at 6:30 p.m. is one of the biggest Polynesian artists of our time, Fiji. His unique style and fusion of classic reggae, hip hop, R&B and jazz set him apart as a performer. With eight albums to his name, Fiji has a great repertoire of songs with widespread appeal.

Next up is Katchafire at 8:30 p.m. The New Zealand roots reggae band formed in 1997 as a Bob Marley tribute band and has since released three albums. The seven-member group’s latest release, *Say What You’re Thinking*, features the familiar song “Love Letter.”

Admission to the Hawaiian-style Jam is free with the purchase of the \$5 BayFest admission ticket. Tickets are on sale now through Ticketmaster and can be purchased at the gate. Children five years and under are free. BayFest 2009, held August 14-16, will also feature Grucci fireworks, EK Fernandez carnival rides, contests and entertainment. Gates open at 5 p.m. on August 14 and noon on August 15-16.

BayFest is open to the general public and organized by Marine Corps Community Services (MCCS), a Department of Defense quality of life program that supports the morale, welfare and recreation of Hawaii’s Marines, Sailors, and their families. For more information, visit [www.bayfesthawaii.com](http://www.bayfesthawaii.com) or call the BayFest hotline at 254-7679.

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