The 70th anniversary of the final lifting of the Siege of Leningrad

Schedule of Events

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One of the highlights will be a parade of military equipment which will start at 11 am on January 27. The parade will take place on Nepokorennyykh pr. (Russian: Проспект Непокоренных), and not on Palace Square.

Officials have promised that they will do everything for blockade veterans to feel the festive atmosphere.

There will be a big concert in the Concert Hall "October" with nearly 4,000 veterans invited.

On Italian street will be a mini museum in the open air and it will be installed in the coming days. For three days, the Italian street, from Manezhnaya square to Bolshaya Sadovaya street will be closed for cars.

The exposition will open at 12:00 January 25, and will close at 7 pm January 27 with a minute of silence.

The exposition will include a trolleybus and tram from the times of the blockade, fire engines, anti-aircraft guns, anti-tank machines in which people can see and read about how they were involved in the blockade. There will be posters and photographs of wartime.
Another important event will be the military historical reconstruction at the memorial January Thunder (Russian: "Январский гром") on January 26.

There will be around 400 re-enactors, 5 aircraft, T-134, - said Elena Kuzina, deputy head of the Committee on Youth Policy and Interaction with NGOs Petersburg.

Another event will be held the evening of the 27th on Nevsky Prospect - after a minute of silence at 7pm volunteers will go to Palace Square with candles in their hands with people lined up and making the shape of "900." Anyone can join in this event called The 900 Days.

At Palace Square itself will be six different sites. When the speaker gives the message that the blockade of the city is over, there will a "universal rejoicing." There will be broadcasted video chronicles with fireworks, dances and songs. Hopefully, everyone will find something for himself or herself.

Fireworks will start near the Peter and Paul Fortress at 21:00.

In St. Petersburg, 132.4 thousand people were awarded the medal "For the Defense of Leningrad" (16.2 thousand), and (116.2 thousand) for the residents of Leningrad.

According to Alexander Rzhanenkov, chairman of the Committee on Social Policy of St. Petersburg, 192 thousand war veterans and residents of besieged Leningrad, will receive additional payments of 3000 rubles each.

There will also be a large cultural program in each district for veterans with creative activities and meetings.
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