



## ARMED FORCES RETIREMENT HOME-GULFPORT

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### **CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY AT AFRH-GULFPORT “DON’T FORGET, CELEBRATE, TAKE THE NEXT STEP”**

Gulfport, Miss – (Feb 19, 2013) The Armed Forces Retirement Home - Gulfport will host a Black History Program on Thursday, February 21, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. “Don’t Forget, Celebrate, Take the Next Step” will be a memorable event featuring guest speaker Colonel Dwayne B. Wilhite. Colonel Wilhite is the Perioperative Master Clinician assigned to the 81st Surgical Operations Squadron, 81st Medical Group, Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi. Charles Dickerson, AFRH-G Administrator said, “It is an honor to have Colonel Wilhite address our AFRH-Gulfport community during this year’s celebration.” This program will also feature the Harrison Central High School Choir and West Harrison High School Choir under the direction of Mr. Bruce Johnson.

#### ABOUT AFRH-Gulfport

Is located at 1800 Beach Drive in Gulfport, Mississippi on 47 acres of prime waterfront land on the Mississippi Sound. It features a new multi-tower complex with full amenities such as dining, social, recreational, and therapeutic activities, plus a swimming pool, hobby shops, a wellness center with basic dental and eye care, a bank, a barber and beauty shop, bowling center, movie theater, a computer room, library, and a pedestrian bridge to the beach. Formerly called the “US Naval Home”, this facility merged with the “Soldiers’ Home” in Washington in 1991 – and both were renamed AFRH. Prior to 1976, the Naval Home was located in Philadelphia, PA and from 1833-1899 it was called the “Naval Asylum”.

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