



## ARMED FORCES RETIREMENT HOME-GULFPORT

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### **AFRH-GULFPORT WILL HOST A WREATH LAYING CEREMONY IN HONOR OF THE 72<sup>nd</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE ATTACK ON PEARL HARBOR**

Gulfport, Miss – (Dec 4, 2013) The United States Congress officially designated December 7<sup>th</sup> of each year as National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day. The Armed Forces Retirement Home - Gulfport will honor all of those who died during the attack at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. The ceremony will take place grounds of AFRH-Gulfport on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 0930.

December 7, 1941 will forever be a date remembered for the tragic lose of life with more than 2,400 Americans killed and over 1,100 wounded in action on that faithful day. This day will also be remember when the greatest generation and a nation pulled together in order to preserve freedoms for all Americans and others around the world. President Franklin D. Roosevelt in his address to Congress affirmed that “with confidence in our Armed Forces-with the un-bounding determination of our people-we will gain the inevitable triumph.”

The ceremony will begin at 9:30 a.m. outside the front of the building near the flagpole and will begin with the Franklin D. Roosevelt speech and a bagpipe prelude. The AFRH-G Administrator will do an introduction followed by the posting of the colors, parade the colors, and retire the colors. Master Chief Don Kirk will ring the bells and introduce guest speaker Chief Frank C. Queenlacombe. Funeral detail will then perform a 21 gun salute.

#### ABOUT AFRH-Gulfport

AFRH-G 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”.