



## ARMED FORCES RETIREMENT HOME-WASHINGTON

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### **JAPANESE CHERRY TREES DONATED BY MACY'S WILL BE PLANTED ON THE HISTORIC GROUNDS OF THE ARMED FORCES RETIREMENT HOME**

Washington, DC – (April 9, 2014). The Armed Forces Retirement Home – Washington, the National Cherry Blossom Festival and Casey trees will plant 24 Japanese Cherry Trees on Friday, April 11, 2014. The Cherry Trees will be planted along MacArthur Drive in front of the historic Quarters Row down to General Winfield Scott statue, which overlooks the Washington Monument and U.S. Capitol.

Each year several Japanese Cherry trees are donated through the National Cherry Blossom Festival by Macy's. According to the Chief Operating Officer, Mr. Steve McManus, "We are honored that 24 of these trees have been donated and will soon be a large part of an historic path for our veterans and their family members to enjoy." Volunteers from Casey Trees will help plant these tree beginning at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, April 11, 2014.

### ABOUT AFRH-Washington

In 1851, a Trust Fund was created to establish the Soldiers' Home so it would not rely on taxpayer dollars. Since then, US enlisted and warrant officers have made small monthly paycheck contributions so they may live at the Home and enjoy a comfortable retirement. Today, the Trust Fund is the Home's primary source of funding. Both communities house residents in five levels of care (Independent Living, Independent Living Plus, Assisted Living, Long Term Care and Memory Support). AFRH-Washington, like AFRH-Gulfport, offers residents a range of amenities like a 9-hole golf course, fitness center, walking trails, hobby shops, weekly entertainment, bus trips, and more. AFRH is operated exclusively for war veterans and retired service members from all branches of the US military. For more information on AFRH and its longstanding commitment to US veterans visit [www.afrh.gov](http://www.afrh.gov). To learn more about AFRH-Washington contact Gregory Moore, Public Affairs, at 202-541-7551 or [gregory.moore@afrh.gov](mailto:gregory.moore@afrh.gov).