



ARMED FORCES RETIREMENT HOME

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ARMED FORCES RETIREMENT HOME-GULFPORT Garden Day Open House – Open to the Public

Gulfport, Miss– (May 14, 2014). To celebrate spring the Armed Forces Retirement Home is hosting a Garden Day Open House on Wednesday May 14, 2014 from 8:30 a.m. through 1:00 p.m. This event is open to the public.

- **8:30 a.m.–9:30 a.m.** - Self-guided garden tours of the AFRH grounds.
- **8:30 a.m.–10:30 a.m.** – Hors d’oeuvres & Refreshments will be available in the front lobby.
- **9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.** – Art Vendors and Agency Displays – Resident artists will have their artwork and creations on display for viewing and/or purchase. View of static displays from groups including the Gulf Coast Orchid Society and MSU Coastal Research & Extension Center.
- **9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.** – Indoor facility tours every half hour.
- **10:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m.** – Speaker Gary Bachman from the MSU Coastal Research & Extension Center will speak about “Container Gardening” in the Community Center.
- **10:30 a.m.–11:00 a.m.** - Speaker Christine Coker from the MSU Coastal Research & Extension Center will speak about “Rooftop Gardens” in the Community Center.

The staff and residents at the Armed Forces Retirement Home take great pride in the landscaping and environmentally conscious design of the campus. We have worked together to create this beautiful environment for our veterans and their guests to enjoy for now and the future.

WHO: Local Media

WHAT: Garden Day Open House

WHEN: Wednesday, May 14, 2014 from 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

WHERE: AFRH-Gulfport

HOW: Media planning to attend should contact Becki Zschiedrich at 228-897-4429.



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The new Home is located on 47 acres of prime waterfront land on the Mississippi Sound. It features a 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”. To learn more about AFRH-Gulfport contact Becki L. Zschiedrich, Public Affairs, at 228-897-4429 or becki.zschiedrich@afrh.gov.