



ARMED FORCES RETIREMENT HOME

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ARMED FORCES RETIREMENT HOME WWII VETERANS TO VISIT JAPAN ON A FRIENDSHIP TOUR

Gulfport, Miss– (April 8, 2014). A group of four veterans from the greatest generation will be returning from their six day Friendship Tour from Japan. World War II veterans from the Armed Forces Retirement Home will return from Japan on Tuesday, April 8, 2014. The veterans will depart from Tokyo on American Airlines Flight 176 at 11:30 a.m. (Japan time) and arrive in Dallas at 9:10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 8, 2014. The veterans will then board American Airlines Flight 3600 departing Dallas at 4:05 p.m. and arriving at Gulfport/Biloxi International Airport at 5:40 p.m.

The Armed Forces Retirement Home is proud our WWII veterans were asked to participate in this Friendship tour in Japan once again.

WHO: World War II veterans from the Armed Forces Retirement Home

WHAT: WWII veterans returning from a six day visit to Japan

WHEN: Tuesday, April 8, 2014 at 5:40 p.m.

WHERE: Arrive Biloxi/Gulfport International Airport at 5:30 p.m. (American Airlines)

HOW: Media planning to attend the arrival on April 8, 2014 should contact Becki Zschiedrich at 228-897-4429 for Gulfport, MS.



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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.

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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. To learn more about AFRH-Washington contact Sheila R. Abarr, Public Affairs Officer, at 202-541-7550 or Sheila.abarr@afrh.gov.