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**ARMED FORCES RETIREMENT HOME-GULFPORT
Mardi Gras Parade and Ball**

Gulfport, Miss– (February 24, 2017). To celebrate Mardi Gras, The Krewe of NAMAC (Navy, Army, Marines, Air Force, & Coast Guard) will celebrate with a festive parade and coronation ball inside the building. The floats will consist of decorated golf carts. This year's parade will be kicked off by the 2017 Grand Marshall (youngest resident) followed by the King and Queen (oldest residents that have not previously been king and queen). The parade will consist of past royalty, and numerous independent and assisted living residents eager to participate. The halls of the AFRH will be lined with residents, employees, family and friends as the parade rolls by the crowd tossing beads and holding festive signs.

Upon entering the Community Center, the King and Queen will be introduced and crowned by the AFRH Administrator Jeff Eads. Following the champagne toast, Dining Services will provide a wide assortment of Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments as local entertainer Sonny Tanner performs wonderful music to dance the night away.

This event is **not** open to the public.

- **6:30 p.m.** – Parade starts in the hallway of the AFRH
- **7:00 p.m.** – Mardi Gras Ball in the Community Center

WHO: Local Media

WHAT: AFRH Mardi Gras Parade and Ball

WHEN: Friday, February 24, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

WHERE: AFRH-G – Main Hallway (Boardwalk) and Community Center
1800 Beach Drive, Gulfport, MS 39507

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

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