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**ARMED FORCES RETIREMENT HOME-GULFPORT
Veterans Day Ceremony & Open House – Open to the Public**

Gulfport, Miss– (November 11, 2015). To celebrate Veterans Day the Armed Forces Retirement Home is hosting a ceremony and having an Open House on Wednesday, November 11, 2015 at 0830. This event is open to the public.

- **0830** – Gates Open to the Public
- **0830 – 1100** – Breakfast Hors d’oeuvres in foyer
- **0845** – Patriot Guard Motorcycles Arrive
- **0900** – Harrison County Sheriff Helicopter Landing
- **0915** – Gulfport High Band Pre-Ceremony Music
- **0930** – Veterans Day Ceremony Begins – *Guest Speaker Brig Gen Joe Spraggins, USAF Retired*
- **1000** – Musical Performance by LMDC “WINGS”
- **1020** – Coast Guard Helicopter Flyover
- **1030 – 1400** – Static Displays & Presentations
Displays: US Coast Guard, Gulfport Police & Fire Dept., Biloxi Police Department, Army National Guard, Air National Guard, NCBC, Harrison County Sheriff’s Department, AMR, & More!
AFRH Resident Art Exhibitors will be in the Main Hall & Art Room areas. Resident’s art work will be available for purchase.
- **1030 to 1400** – AFRH Tours Every 30 Minutes (Meet at Security Desk)
- **1030 to 1400** – A Special Veteran’s Tribute Video will run continuously in the AFRH Theater
- **1045** – H.O.G Pensacola, Florida Motorcycles Arrive
- **1130 to 1400** – Hot Hors d’oeuvres in foyer
- **1330** – AFRH-G Gate closes to Public Access
- **1400** – AFRH-G Community Day Conclusion

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WHO: Local Media

WHAT: Veterans Day Ceremony & Open House

WHEN: Wednesday, November 11, 2015 from 0830 – 1400

WHERE: Armed Forces Retirement Home
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HOW: Media planning to attend should contact Becki Zschiedrich at 228-897-4429.

MORE ON AFRH-GULFPORT

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, D.C. 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 Zschiedrich, Public Affairs, at 228-897-4429 or e-mail at becki.zschiedrich@afrh.gov.

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