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

Gulfport, Miss— (November 11, 2016). To celebrate Veterans Day the Armed Forces Retirement Home is hosting a ceremony and having an Open House on Friday, November 11, 2016 at 0830. This event is open to the public.

- 0830 – Gates Open to the Public
- 0830 – Patriot Guard Motorcycles Arrive
- 0850 – Harrison County Sheriff Helicopter Landing
- 0900 – United States Coast Guard Helicopter Landing
- 0910 – Ochsner Hospital Helicopter Landing
- 0915 – Gulfport High Band Pre-Ceremony Music
- 0930 – Veterans Day Ceremony Begins
  
  Guest Speaker Major General James H. Garner, U.S. Army Retired

- 1000 – Musical Performance by Anniston Elementary School
- 1030 – 1400 – Static Displays & Presentations
  Displays: US Coast Guard, Gulfport Police & Fire Departments, Gulfport SWAT Team, Biloxi Police Department, Army National Guard, Air National Guard, NCBC, Harrison County Sheriff’s Department, AMR, U.S. Coast Guard, and much more!

AFRH Resident Art Exhibitors will be in the Main Hall & Art Room areas. Resident’s art work and crafts will be available for purchase.

- 1030 to 1400 – AFRH tours every 30 minutes (Meet at Security Desk)
- 1045 – H.O.G. Pensacola, Florida Motorcycles Arrive
- 1330 – AFRH-G Gate closes to Public Access
- 1400 – AFRH-G Veterans Day Conclusion

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WHO: Local Media

WHAT: Veterans Day Ceremony & Open House

WHEN: Friday, November 11, 2016 from 0830 – 1400

WHERE: Armed Forces Retirement Home
1800 Beach Drive
Gulfport, MS 39507

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

MORE ON AFRH-GULFPORT
The AFRH-G 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 U.S. Naval Home, this facility merged with the Soldiers’ Home in Washington, D.C. in 1991 – and both were renamed the AFRH. Prior to 1976, the Naval Home was located in Philadelphia, PA and from 1833-1899 it was called the Naval Asylum. The AFRH is the oldest continuing care retirement community in the United States. To learn more about AFRH-Gulfport contact Becki Zschiedrich, Public Affairs, at 228-897-4429 or e-mail at becki.zsiedrich@afrh.gov.