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Subject: Honoring Our Heroes - Veterans Week November 4-11

Pensacola, FL - October 10, 2023 - Gulf Coast Veterans Week, along with the Representative Michelle Salzman, UWF Military and Veteran Resource Center, Veterans Memorial Park, Veterans Upward Bound at PSC, and VetCV, have created a week long celebration to support and recognize our brave veterans. November 4th to November 11th.

In honor of the sacrifices made by the courageous men and women who have served in the armed forces, Veterans Week will provide an opportunity for our community to come together and express our heartfelt gratitude. Thank you to Representative Salzman, who sponsored HB 485 that was signed into law to make Veterans Week an official celebratory week in the state of Florida.

Our week-long celebration will include the following activities plus more:

{Music in the Park: On November 4th at 2:00 pm, join us at Veterans Memorial Park - Downtown Bayfront Drive. Our "Week-in-the-Park " Kicks off with music in the park featuring Josh Davis and Blackbird Anthem in conjunction with Foo Foo Fest, VeteransWeek, and the Great Gulf Coast Arts Festival!}

{Inaugural Veterans Week Kickball Tournament: On Sunday, November 5th at 9:00 am, we will host our first Kickball Tournament at the fields at the Gulf Breeze Community Center to celebrate community, military branches, and of course plenty of competition. Families are invited as there will be vendors, food vendors, and kid's activities. Register your team of 8 for only \$200. Registration is open until all spaces are filled.}

{UWF Veterans Day Observance - GI's of Comedy: On Wednesday, November 8th at 4 pm. The UWF Military and Veterans Resource Center invites you to celebrate Veterans Week with a FREE comedy show by the **GI's of Comedy**, full of laughter in the UWF Conference Center.}

{Laughter is Good for the Soul - An Evening in the Park: On Friday, November 10 at 5:30 pm. Now more than ever, we can all use a good laugh. Laughter brings diverse groups of people together. This show will contain adult content, so leave the kids at home. Veterans of Comedy. Purchase Tickets in Advance. **Active duty members are FREE.**}



{**Veterans Day Ceremony:** On Saturday, November 11 at 9:00 am at Veterans Memorial Park. Exhibits, musical entertainment, and food trucks begin at 09:00. Ceremony begins at 10:45. Keynote Speaker Hon. Gary Bergosh}

{**Veterans Day Parade:** On Saturday, November 11. Parade starts at 10:00. It begins at the corner of Spring & Main and ends at Veterans Memorial Park at 10:30. Register your float at www.gcvacflalms.org}

{**Veterans Memorial Park Foundation Dinner & Concert Fundraiser:** On Saturday, November 11, 5:30 pm. This evening event will include the Presentation of Colors by the USMC Color Guard, dinner, a silent and live auction, then capping off a fantastic evening with a celebrity concert by **Mac McAnally**, the guitarist in Jimmy Buffett's Coral Reefer Band. Doors open for cocktail reception at 5:30, Tickets \$150. Smart Casual attire}

Please check VeteransWeekUS.com for other events and to add your event to our list.

Throughout Veterans Week, we encourage everyone to participate in various events throughout our community along the Gulf Coast.

"I've been so inspired by all of the Veterans organizations coming together to create such a meaningful week of celebration and support! Communities from all across the state have been reaching out for tips on how to do something similar. That's a true testament to the hard work our community has put into planning Veterans Week," **stated Representative Michelle Salzman**

We invite all media outlets to join us in actively covering these events and spreading awareness about Veterans Week. Interview opportunities are available with our organization's representatives and participating veterans.

For media inquiries or additional information about Veterans Week, please contact:

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About the Gulf Coast Veterans Week Planning Committee. The Veterans Week Planning Committee is a group of leaders from different organizations dedicated to supporting veterans and their families. We strive to advocate for their well-being, provide resources, and raise awareness about the challenges they face. Through our efforts, we aim to create a positive impact in the lives of those who have served our country.

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