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Press Release

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## Miami Beach to Host 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Veterans Day Celebration Presented by T-Mobile

— The parade begins at 11:11 a.m. on 11.11.22 —

**Miami Beach, FL** – Join the City of Miami Beach for the 14<sup>th</sup> annual Veterans Day parade and celebration presented by T-Mobile at 11:11 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 11. The event features veteran and military groups, marching bands, an F-16 flyover, local businesses and community organizations along iconic Ocean Drive beginning at 5 Street.

The start time of the event coincides with the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month originally intended to commemorate the armistice ending World War I. The holiday was later expanded to honor American veterans of all wars.

“Miami Beach has a long history of support for our veterans and members of the armed services,” explained Miami Beach City Manager Alina T. Hudak. “We want every veteran and their families to know they are important to this city and to all of our residents.”

During World War II, the beaches and hotels in the City of Miami Beach served as a training center for military troops. Many service members fell in love with Miami Beach and returned after the war. The Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion organized parades for more than 50 years to salute the troops who sacrificed so much to defend our nation’s freedom. The city has continued this tradition for more than a decade, even holding a virtual celebration in 2020 when the COVID-19 pandemic made it impractical to hold the usual celebration.

The largest parade of the day in South Florida takes route on Ocean Drive from 5 to 15 streets. At noon, the festivities move to Lummus Park as the All Veteran Parachute Team takes to the skies over South Beach for a demonstration. The event continues in Lummus Park with a wreath-laying ceremony and a free family picnic sponsored by Burgermeister, PepsiCo and Red Bull.

Parade participation has grown from approximately 50 people to more than 2,000 over the years — including students, organizations, businesses, military groups and public officials. The event includes a presentation of the colors by the Miami Beach Police and Fire Department Honor Guards, a recital of the Pledge of Allegiance, the national anthem and a moment of silence in honor of our First World War Armistice Day tradition. There will also be addresses by military officials from Southern Command and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. Other activities include MBPD Honor Guard’s 21-gun salute and a performance by a Taps bugler.

The event is made possible by generous sponsorships from T-Mobile, PepsiCo, Red Bull, Burgermeister and EASY 93.1 (WFEZ-FM).

For those who cannot attend the parade in person, there will be a livestream on the city's [Facebook page](#).

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**WHEN:** Friday, Nov. 11, 2022 at 11:11 a.m.

**WHERE:** 5 Street and Ocean Drive

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