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Press Release

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Miami Beach to Host 15th Annual Veterans Day Parade and Celebration

— The event starts at 11:11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 11 —

Miami Beach, FL – Join the City of Miami Beach for the 15th annual Veterans Day parade and celebration at 11:11 a.m. on Saturday, 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 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, which was originally intended to commemorate the armistice ending World War I. Veterans Day was later expanded to honor American veterans of all wars.

“Veterans Day is the time Miami Beach thanks the men and women who proudly served their country in uniform,” explained Miami Beach City Manager Alina T. Hudak. “It’s also a moment to reflect on the city’s history of support for our armed forces.”

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 courtesy of CJ’s Crab Shack, Raising Cane’s and Starbucks. Dippin’ Dots ice cream and popcorn will be available for purchase at the event.

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, a performance by a Taps bugler and a recognition of Girl Scout Troup 1239 for their service as flag guardians.

The city would like to extend special thanks to its radio partner, EASY 93.1 (WFEZ-FM).

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WHEN: Saturday, Nov. 11, 2023 at 11:11 a.m.

WHERE: 5 Street and Ocean Drive

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