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Fleet Week to Come Ashore in Miami Beach

— The city will host the first Top Gun Beach Olympics on Saturday, May 11 —

Miami Beach, FL – Thousands of military personnel from the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard will drop anchor in Miami Beach when Norwegian Cruise Line Fleet Week Miami comes ashore on **May 5-12** with free tours of naval ships at nearby PortMiami and the first Top Gun Beach Olympics in South Beach.

“Miami Beach has a long tradition of honoring the brave men and women who proudly serve the United States anywhere they are needed around the world at a moment’s notice,” explained Miami Beach Commissioner Alex Fernandez. “I know our Miami Beach residents will join me in welcoming these servicemen and servicewomen to our historic coastal city, which served as one of the largest military training centers during World War II.”

Naval ship tours will be offered daily during Fleet Week at PortMiami via complimentary tickets that will only be valid at specified times. Tickets can be requested online at www.fleetweekmiami.org or via the Fleet Week Miami Facebook page approximately 24-48 hours in advance. This marks the first time the Navy is holding the premiere community outreach event in Miami-Dade County previously being held at Port Everglades in Broward County.

“The Fleet Week Miami Beach Top Gun Beach Olympics is going to be one of the most high-profile and engaging events of the entire week,” predicted Alex Kruger-Dobrota, who is the founder of Badger: Operation Gamify and Marine Veteran Sr. Vice Commander of Miami Beach VFW Post 3559. “It will be an athletic competition among the military services, local law enforcement agencies and veteran organizations. We’re using an athletic competition as a way to engage the community and build camaraderie in a fun and meaningful way.”

The **Top Gun Beach Olympics** in South Beach will take place on **Saturday, May 11** from **8 a.m. to 12 p.m.** at Muscle Beach between **8-9 Streets in Lummus Park just off Ocean Drive**. The event is free to the public—with the award ceremony taking place at 11 a.m.

The massive Nimitz-class USS Harry S. Truman nuclear-powered aircraft carrier is expected to be anchored off Miami Beach during the week-long festivities. Service members will participate in community relations projects, visits to South Florida schools and community centers, military ceremonies and social engagements while soaking up the South Florida vibe.

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