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## Top Gun Beach Olympics Honors Navy's Historic Fleet Week Miami

— Miami Beach will host a friendly competition between the military services, local first responders and veterans on Saturday, May 11 —

**Miami Beach, FL** – The City of Miami Beach will welcome U.S. Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard servicemen and servicewomen to the iconic beach location on **Saturday, May 11** as part of the historic Norwegian Cruise Line Fleet Week Miami.

“Our city is proud to welcome the men and women who answer the call for freedom wherever it is heard around the world,” explained Miami Beach Mayor Steven Meiner. “Freedom is not free. It requires tremendous sacrifice by brave men and women like those that are visiting us on some of the most advanced naval ships this country has ever assembled. Thank you all for your service.”

Fleet Week Miami runs through May 12 with the first Top Gun Beach Olympics in South Beach taking 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 an award ceremony at 11 a.m.

Naval ship tours are available through Sunday via complimentary tickets that are only valid at specified times. Tickets can be requested online at [www.fleetweekmiami.org](http://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. It had previously been held at Port Everglades in Broward County.

“My hope is that every Miami Beach resident will participate in some way, whether it’s touring one of the naval ships or just greeting one of the service members with a kind word and smile,” according to Miami Beach Commissioner Alex Fernandez. “Many people in our community have ties to the military dating back to World War II when Miami Beach welcomed half a million troops to our shores.”

The massive Nimitz-class USS Harry S. Truman nuclear-powered aircraft carrier has been anchored off Miami Beach during the week-long festivities. Service members have also been participating in community relations projects, making visits to South Florida schools and community centers while attending military ceremonies and other social engagements as part of Fleet Week Miami.

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