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Press Release

Gulfport CPO Selectees to Volunteer at Armed Forces Retirement Home

GULFPORT, Miss. – Chief petty officer (CPO) selectees from Gulfport, Miss. will volunteer at the Armed Forces Retirement Home (AFRH) in Biloxi, Miss., Aug. 17.

During the community service project, the Sailors will provide maintenance and upkeep at location, including constructing park benches and other small projects. The visit to the AFRH is one of several community service projects that the selectees will participate in during the Phase 2 of their CPO 365 training.

“It is an honor for us to give back to and be active in our community, especially when we can give back to the veterans who sacrificed so much for their country,” said Chief (Select) Builder David Dacastello, Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 1 CPO selectee. “Whatever we can do to improve their quality of life, we are more than willing to contribute.”

Many of the projects and upgrades on the property are as of a direct result of volunteerism by active-duty Seabees and Sailors from the Gulfport community.

The AFRH Gulfport, formally the U.S. Naval Home, was established in 1811. From 1991 to present, operational funding comes from \$0.50 monthly withholdings from active duty enlisted personnel, fines and forfeitures imposed on service members, and resident fees. Its mission is to fulfill our nation's commitment to its Veterans by providing a premier retirement community with exceptional residential care and extensive support services.

Saturday's event is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. and continue until the last project is finished. The AFRH is located at 1800 Beach Dr. in Gulfport, Miss.

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If you would like to cover this event as a media representative or would like more information, please contact MCC Ryan Wilber, (228) 284-7550 or rgregorywilber@gmail.com.