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Celebrate Veterans Day on Miami Beach with a Parade & Picnic *-- Parade Kicks Off on Iconic Ocean Drive this Friday, November 11 at 11:11 a.m.--*

Miami Beach, FL – Join us for our eighth annual Veterans Day parade on Friday, November 11, 2016 at 11:11 a.m. This year, the parade begins on Ocean Drive from Sixth to 14 streets, turning into the baseball stadium at Flamingo Park for a ceremony to honor our military men and women.

There will be exciting floats, veteran and military groups, school marching bands, cars, pageant queens, and a high-flying all veterans parachute team that will come in for a landing at Flamingo Park Baseball Stadium for a wreath laying ceremony and picnic. Ann Keil of WSVN 7 will serve as mistress of ceremony.

The program includes the Miami Beach Police and Fire Department Honor Guards' presentation of the colors; 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 be addresses by top-level military officials from Southern Command and the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. Other activities include MBPD Honor Guard's 21-gun salute and performance by a Taps bugler.

During WWII, the beaches and hotels in the City of Miami Beach served as a home base for military troops. For over fifty years, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion organized this parade as a salute to the troops for all that they've sacrificed to defend our nation's freedom. Parade participation has grown from approximately 50 individuals to over 2,000 including students, organizations, businesses, military groups and public officials.

"Miami Beach Medical Group is proud to be the official sponsor for a third straight year to such an important event for our community," said Chief Operating Officer Jose Sanchez, Miami Beach Medical Group. "As leading healthcare providers in Miami-Dade County and as one of the largest independent medical groups in Miami Beach, we give our thanks to the service provided by each of our Veterans and the sacrifices that not only they have made, but those made by their families as well. We are excited to continue our partnership with Miami Beach and the Veteran community for many years to come."

Presenting sponsor of the parachute team is Miami Beach Medical Group. Partners include Coca-Cola: Exclusive Beverage of the City of Miami Beach, WSVN 7, Atlantic Broadband, Peterson's Harley Davidson, Miami Beach Suncare, T-Mobile, 102.7 The Beach, Y-100 and the City of Miami Beach.

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