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Press Release

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Miami Beach to Hold Memorial Day Wreath-Laying Ceremony and Salute

— *The ceremony will take place outside Miami Beach Police headquarters at 10 a.m.* —

Miami Beach, FL – The City of Miami Beach will honor the memory of U.S. service members who gave their lives for their country during a Memorial Day wreath-laying ceremony and salute.

In partnership with the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars 3559 Miami Beach Post, the event will take place at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 29 at the War Memorial Cenotaph in front of the Miami Beach Police Department.

“These are the real heroes of the American dream,” Miami Beach City Manager Alina T. Hudak asserted. “To honor their legacy, is to honor freedom.”

Girl Scout Troop 1239 will distribute VFW Buddy Poppies at the event and share the story behind the artificial red flowers, which are assembled each year by veterans who are disabled or in need.

Eleven-year-old Luna Daniela Florez will sing “America the Beautiful” accompanied by her older sister, Melanie, on the saxophone at the closing of the ceremony. A family member of the sisters suffered a traumatic brain injury in combat while serving in Iraq.

As in previous years, 16-year-old Girl Scout Ambassador Penelope Heller will recite “In Flanders Field,” as part of the Miami Beach Memorial Day ceremony.

WHAT: Wreath-laying ceremony and salute

WHEN: Monday, May 29 at 10 a.m.

WHERE: Outside the Miami Beach Police Department, 1100 Washington Ave.

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