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PRESS RELEASE

City to honor veterans including former Winter Park Mayor Joseph Terranova and three Quilts of Valor recipients

WINTER PARK, FL, an internationally recognized, award winning city with multiple accredited agencies (October 13, 2023) The City of Winter Park will host its 13th Annual Veterans Day Celebration, **Friday, November 10, 2023, at 10 a.m.** This event will be held at the **Winter Park Community Center Ruby Ball Amphitheater** adjacent to **Shady Park** located at **721 W. New England Ave.** All veterans that have served in any military campaign or branch in honor of our nation's freedom are invited to attend for our community to pay tribute to their dedicated service to our country.

At **9:30 a.m.**, the public is invited to visit with organizations that offer resources specifically for veteran needs as the VFW Post 2093 Community Band entertains guests. At **10 a.m.**, the official program will begin with musical performances, a special tribute to Winter Park's former Mayor Joe Terranova [February 7, 1925 - August 28, 2023]; anecdotal speakers including Mr. Timothy J. Cooke, Medical Center Director/CEO of the Orlando VA Healthcare System (VAHCS); three presentations of **Quilts of Valor**; and a musical recognition of veterans according to the various military branches served.



From 2003 to 2005, Timothy J. Cooke was in the private healthcare sector as the Vice President of Facilities & Support Services at Caritas St. Elizabeth's Medical Center in Brighton, Massachusetts. Following the private sector, he worked at the VA Maryland Healthcare System before lending his expertise to the Southern Arizona VA Healthcare System and served as Chief of Engineering at the Jamaica Plain Campus during the VA Boston Healthcare System integration. From 2014, he served as the Director of the Martinsburg VA Medical Center in Martinsburg, West Virginia, and held progressive leadership positions over the past 14 years. In January 2020, Cooke was appointed the as the Medical Center Director/CEO of the Orlando

VAHCS. The Orlando VAHCS serves more than 120,000 Veterans in central Florida and the city is so appreciative for their service to our region.

The Veterans Day Celebration continues with a **Veterans Golf Play Day** offered at both Winter Park golf courses: **Winter Park Golf Course-WP9** (761 Old England Ave.) and **Winter Park Pines Golf Club-WP18** (950 S. Ranger Blvd.). Tee times **begin at 12:30 p.m.**, and veterans play for **FREE**. Reserve your tee time for a patriotic round of golf by Friday, November 3, at **407-599-3419** (WP9) or **407-671-3172** (WP18).

For more information regarding the city's **13th Annual Veterans Day Celebration**, please call **407-599-3428**. For more information regarding the **Veterans Golf Play Day** at either course, please call **407-599-3419**.

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