

MADEIRA BEACH MEMORIAL DAY

Proposed Memorial Day Tradition

PURPOSE:

Establish a meaningful annual Madeira Beach Memorial Day tradition centered around the Military Court of Honor to remember and honor the men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces who gave their lives in service to our country.

PROPOSED EVENT:

Memorial Day Morning @ Military Court of Honor 30–45 Minutes

A simple, solemn community ceremony that could include:

- Presentation of Colors
- National Anthem & Invocation
- Brief Welcome
- Recognition of Gold Star Families, if present
- Military/Veteran Guest Speaker
- Reading of Local Fallen Service Members
- Bell Toll as each name is read
- Flag-Folding Ceremony
- Memorial Wreath Laying
- Moment of Silence
- Honor/Rifle Salute, if available
- Live Taps
- Retiring of Colors

Proposed ideas to create a Madeira Beach tradition

FLAGS FOR THE FALLEN:

Place American flags throughout the Military Court of Honor with participation from veterans, Scouts, youth organizations, first responders and residents.

MADEIRA BEACH ROLL OF HONOR:

Research and permanently maintain the names of Madeira Beach service members who died while serving our country.

WREATH TO THE WATER:

Following the ceremony, ceremonially place a memorial wreath on the water in remembrance of our fallen and those lost at sea.

YOUTH PARTICIPATION:

Invite JROTC, Sea Cadets, Scouts and local youth to participate in the Color Guard, flag folding, flag placement and other ceremonial roles.

THE GOAL:

Create a Memorial Day observance that is:

Solemn, Meaningful, Patriotic, Community-Focused, Uniquely Madeira Beach

Not another festival but a tradition our community recognizes and participates in year after year.

NEXT STEP:

Commission Consensus, Direct Staff to Develop the 2027 “Madeira Beach Remembers” Memorial Day Ceremony

Veterans Day honors all who served.

Memorial Day remembers those who never came home.