



City of Doral Military Affairs Committee MEMO

Date: Wednesday, April 8, 2026

To: Mayor Fraga and Councilmembers

Cc: Office of the City Clerk

From: Military Affairs Committee

Subject: Memorial Day Observance, Armed Forces Day Recognition, Veterans Park Redesignation

The Military Affairs Committee respectfully requests:

1. The use of Veterans Park on Monday, May 25, for a Memorial Day Ceremony to be held, as done in previous years. Previous years, this has been a small and solemn ceremony, in which the Committee undertakes with limited support needs. The Committee requests the park be open for a 9 a.m. ceremony start time, and the City purchase a Memorial Wreath for display, as in previous years. The Committee officers will be at the park early to take delivery of the wreath prior to the event start. The Committee will perform a small ceremony of those veterans that gave the ultimate sacrifice. The Committee intends to invite a few veteran interest vendors, from previous years, that may bring morning edibles and veteran support materials for those in attendance. The Committee requests Parks staff have all flags at half-staff until noon, as appropriate for flag protocols and display.
2. The City Council recognition of the military members of the combatant command that have a home in the City of Doral, the United States Southern Command on Saturday, May 16, Armed Forces Day. The Committee has drafted a letter, as has previous years, that may be put on official City letterhead and signed by the Mayor and City Council, as well as Committee members, as seen appropriate. One of the Committee officers can then present the letter to the Commander of US Southern Command prior to May 16. The letter is detailed as follows:

On this day, Saturday, May 16, 2026, Armed Forces Day, the Mayor, Council Members, and city staff honor all members of the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Coast Guard, Air Force, Space Force, and National Guard and Reserve forces stationed at United States Southern Command and the United States Army Garrison-Miami. These Soldiers, Marines, Sailors, Coast Guardsmen, Airmen, and Guardians, stationed and living here in Doral represent the very best of our Nation. We welcome the families and service members as residents and patrons of the City of Doral, and thank them for their service and sacrifices, guarding our freedoms, making our nation safer.

3. The City Council consideration in redesignating Veterans Park to Veterans Memorial Park. The Committee's interest in this redesignation is in the design and use of the park. While various parks across Miami-Dade and Broward Counties may or may not use "Memorial" in the park's name, the descriptions are all one in the same: a place for reflection and remembrance. While this seems like a simple designation in the name itself, the Committee understands this is a huge undertaking in planning, staff work, and City Council time. If a consideration, the Committee will work with the City Council, at their guidance, and the Parks & Recreation Department, on the best approach and support needed to undertake this redesignation.