

Military Appreciation Month Events – Myrtle Beach, SC



Marine Corps Parris Island Recruit Depot Marching Band
Military Appreciation Day Parade – 28 May 2022
(Photo derived from Myrtle Beach Facebook)

Military Appreciation Days

OVERVIEW

Since the early days of World War II, Myrtle Beach was a military town. The United States Army Air Corps opened formal operations in March 1942 at the Myrtle Beach Bombing and Gunnery Training Range. During the war it also served as a Prisoner of War encampment for German POWs. From the 1950s to the 1990s, the Myrtle Beach Air Force Base operated and was a key employer in the Grand Strand. The United States Air Force closed the base in 1993, and subsequently the base property was transformed into the Market Common District; and the Myrtle Beach International Airport. To observe Myrtle Beach's military history, the Myrtle Beach Military Appreciation Days celebrates those who have served our great nation. This year, Myrtle Beach will host the Traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall Exhibit.

2023 EVENTS

Military Appreciation events are planned by the City of Myrtle Beach's Military Appreciation Committee. Below is a list of events for May, 2023:

Horry County Junior ROTC Drill Meet – 9:00 a.m., Saturday, May 6, 2023,
Pelicans' Stadium Parking Lot, 1251 21st Avenue North

Military Family Members Social – 12:00 p.m., Saturday, May 6, 2023,
Pelicans' Stadium, 1251 21st Avenue North

Myrtle Beach Pelicans Military Appreciation Night – May 20, 2023,
Pelicans' Stadium, 1251 21st Avenue North

Traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall Exhibit – May 25-29, 2023,
Field at Crabtree Memorial Gymnasium, 1004 Crabtree Lane (*Ceremony – 1:00 p.m., Friday, May 26*)

Veterans Victory Walk – 6:00 a.m., Saturday, May 27, 2023,
Grand Park, 1119 Farrow Parkway

Military Appreciation Days Parade – 10:30 a.m., Saturday, May 27, 2023,
Along Farrow Parkway at The Market Common (Parade Registration Deadline – May 12, 2023)

Family Picnic – 11:30 a.m., Saturday, May 27, 2023,
Valor Memorial Garden, 1120 Farrow Parkway

Jack Platt Veterans' March with Battlefield Cross Ceremony – 9:00 a.m., Monday,
May 29, 2023, Along Ocean Boulevard, 16th to 9th Avenues North

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Private First Class Dick Richards, USMC veteran, salutes as Taps sounded during May 2022 ceremonies.

PFC Richards (94), a member of the Marine Corps League Grand Strand Detachment 873, is one of the few remaining WWII era veterans left in the Grand Strand.

He went onto to become an officer in the USAF, and pilot USAF transport planes throughout the 1950s.

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