



# EVENT INFO

Community Event - American Heroes Air Show  
Fort Myers, Florida

Event date: January 28<sup>th</sup> 2012

Release date: January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012

## A BIG WEEK of American Heroes Lands at Fort Myers Florida.

Buckle up the entire family for high-flying excitement when the American Heroes Air Show, the nation's premier admission-free aviation event devoted exclusively to helicopters, returns to the Lee County Sports Complex in Fort Myers on Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

Since it's inception in 1993 near Los Angeles, this admission-free event has grown from coast to coast by introducing the public to the unique capabilities and dynamic role of helicopters in community safety. Event Director Bryan Smith, with the Lee County Sheriffs Office, invites families get an up-close look at these go-fast, high-tech aircraft and learn how their crews are on the front lines every day of homeland security, national defense and public service.



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Once again the Heroes Air Show welcomes the Cost of Freedom Tribute from the American Veteran's Traveling Tribute arriving with the emotional centerpiece of the event – a scale replica of the Vietnam Memorial Wall. The Cost of Freedom Tribute will arrive Wednesday via a colorful motorcycle escort.



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Team up with veterans organizations, students and volunteers to set up the Cost of Freedom Tribute and the imposing Vietnam Memorial Wall 8 AM TO 11 AM

4 pm - Opening Ceremony to Welcome & Honor the AVTT presentation :

- A Special Recognition Fly-over by Florida Warbird Sqd 24
- Local Veterans' organizations
- Local JROTC units
- Military museums
- Public service associations
- ... plus others



The Cost of Freedom Tribute will be available for the community to  
**Honor - Respect - Remember**  
Admission and parking are free due to support from community sponsors



American Veterans Traveling Tribute (AVTT) travels the USA with the Cost of Freedom Tribute to provide a forum for the members of the community to come together to Honor-Respect-Remember all those whom we have asked to stand in harm's way to protect and defend our great country and freedom as our way of life. They are the true American Heroes and we have an obligation to pay tribute to them by celebrating the freedoms they fought for and stand to insure.

**The Cost of freedom Tribute is open for special recognition and honors from law enforcement and veterans organizations in Southwest Florida**

Concession and refreshments will be available for guests

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The American Veterans Traveling Tribute || AVTT is open to the community to Honor – Respect – Remember plus providing the center piece for a host of special recognitions and presentations.

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The AVTT exhibit includes a September 11 tribute, a Cost of Freedom display of Gold Dog Tags (identifying each service member killed since Vietnam), and the emotional centerpiece of the exhibit: An exact replica of the Vietnam Memorial Wall (80% scale), displaying all 58,253 names of the men and women killed in the Vietnam War

## Special Events on Friday

4:00 PM - 6:00PM

Music by B G Garner, Vietnam Veteran, Chapter #1037



6:00 PM

Ride of Honor and Flag Line by Rolling Thunder #10 and Patriot Guard Riders

7:00 PM

Oasis High School JROTC Drill Team performance

7:30 PM

Calendar Girls perform

8:00 PM

South Ft Myers High School JROTC - 26 member performance drill team



“It is a special privilege for us to provide our Vietnam Memorial Wall as the backdrop for members of the U.S. military as they recite their Oath of Allegiance”, explained Colonel Don Allen, Executive Director of AVTT and retired U.S. Army Special Forces.

“We’re proud to be part of this event at the Lee County Sports Complex while we honor all Veterans and those currently serving by letting them know they will never be forgotten,” Allen added.



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## Saturday 9 a.m.

Dedicated to educate the public as to the unique capabilities of helicopters in law enforcement, fire service, public / private EMS, homeland defense and national security, this event profiles helicopters from local, regional, state and U.S. Military operators. Event Director Bryan Smith hopes to bring together a broad section of the community to meet the crews and get an up-close and personal look at the role helicopters play in public safety.



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## Saturday 11 a.m.

The *"American Anthem"* program invites the community to participate in a special ceremony as serving members of the U.S. military and others stand up before their family and friends and recite their Oath of Allegiance to become U.S. Citizens with AVTT's Vietnam Memorial Wall providing the emotional backdrop.

"... they've always been our heroes, ... we invite the community to join us as they become our newest American citizens ... "

*Bryan Smith  
American Heroes Air Show,  
Volunteer – Event Director*



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## CODE3 Career Fair

The event also features the popular **CODE3 Career Fair** which offers the community a rare chance to meet recruiting teams from law enforcement, public safety, government service, volunteer agencies and the military who are on-scene to profile their mission and provide information on hiring, training and the application processes.



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**9:00 a.m.**

The community is invited to visit the AVTT “*Cost of Freedom*” presentation with their centerpiece, an 80% replica of the Vietnam Memorial Wall. Volunteers are on site to assist guests in locating names on The Wall.

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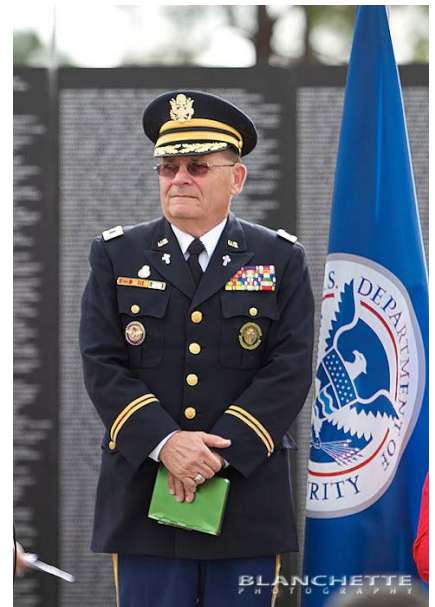
**10:30 a.m.**

Guests are invited to come together to Honor – Respect – Remember at an “Open Chapel” worship service. The non-denominational service will be led by Chaplain Larry Ager – U.S. Army, Retired and include presentations from :

- Chaplain John Petruska
- Jim Davis
- Lee McLaws
- Greg Garcia
- Paul Jennings.

This Service is scheduled for one hour

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**1:00 p.m..**

Closing ceremonies & American Heroes Air Show 2012 concludes.

Volunteers are invited to assist with the breakdown and loading of the AVTT “*Cost of Freedom*” presentations.



# More than Just an Air Show

Beyond the go-fast, high-tech aircraft on display the American Heroes Air Show presents the very best elements of the community. It is a unique opportunity to learn about careers in community service and law enforcement, and families can share the unique Oath of Allegiance taken by our newest citizens standing at the iconic scale replica of the Vietnam Memorial Wall.

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A long tradition at the American Heroes Air Shows around the country, collectible event trading cards are available and free in limited quantities to early bird event arrivals. These popular trading cards feature photos of participating aircraft plus flight performance and mission profiles.



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## About our Team

Based in California, the American Heroes Air Show is the nation's premier admission-free, helicopter-only aviation event produced by volunteers with a passion for public service and aviation at sites from coast to coast. Founded in 1993, the American Heroes Aviation Network, Inc. is formal 501 c .3 non-profit organization dedicated to educating the public, the media and elected / appointed officials as to the critical value rotary-wing aviation brings to law enforcement, public safety, national defense and homeland security.

Our IRS Determination Letter is available upon request from interested community organizations and sponsors.

More event details are available on our website:

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