MEDIA ADVISORY: LAYING HOLIDAY SWAGS TO HONOR HEROES

Haven Harbour Marina Resorts and St. Paul’s honors heroes with staff-made swags

ROCK HALL, Md., December 2019 — Each year, the staff of Haven Harbour Marina Resorts gathers to serve our local community in an act of charitable giving. With hopes of partaking in an event that will occur for many years to come, Haven Harbour with corporation and assistance from St. Paul’s Episcopal Church has spearheaded an effort to honor veterans with hand-made holiday swags for laying at each of their final resting places.

The churchyard of St. Paul’s is home to over 240 veteran grave sites, with the oldest dating back to the Revolutionary era.

Swags will be made the days leading to and morning of Friday, Dec. 20, 2019 in a boat repair shop at Haven Harbour Marina. Each swag will consist of several locally-sourced spruce and holly branches, topped with holly berries and bound by florist wire and red ribbon. Once each swag has been made marina staff, accompanied by Rock Hall Legionnaire and Churchyard Senior Warden Thomas “Chip” Lausman, will travel to St. Paul’s for laying.

To ensure that all veterans of the churchyard will be honored, a complete and detailed list of buried veterans has been compiled by Lausman before said grave sites are temporarily marked with survey flags which will later serve a stakes anchoring the placed swags.

Swags will be left throughout the holiday season before being removed per churchyard’s request by Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2020.

WHEN: Friday, December 20, 2019 starting at 8:00 a.m.
WHERE: Haven Harbour Marina, 20880 Rock Hall Ave, Rock Hall, Md. 21661
St. Paul’s Churchyard, 7579 Sandy Bottom Rd, Chestertown, Md. 21620

Haven Harbour Marina Resorts are award-winning boating destinations consisting of 350 premier slips, two full-service yachting centers, five-building inn and a wedding and events venue; all conveniently located on Maryland’s upper Chesapeake Bay in Rock Hall, Md. Founded in 1986, Haven Harbour has become one of the region’s top maritime service providers, employing 50 experienced service technicians, craftsman, retail and administrative staff.

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