

# Veterans Council of Hillsborough County, Inc. Press Release

## Sunday May 27<sup>th</sup> 2012 Memorial Day Celebration

At 10:00 AM the Veterans Memorial Park Museum Committee will be dedicating the newly placed American Eagle Monument near the entrance to the park with a brief ceremony and ribbon cutting.

This will be followed at 10:55 AM when the Veterans Council of Hillsborough County will conduct their annual Memorial Day Celebration at the Veterans Memorial Park & Rear Admiral LeRoy Collins, Jr. Museum. The event will begin when two members of the Phantom Airborne Brigade parachute into the park while carrying the American and POW flags. Colors will be presented by the US Central Command Color Guard from MacDill AFB. There will be patriotic music by Charles Haugabrooks who will be performing for his 15<sup>th</sup> consecutive time on Memorial Day. The Scottish American Military Society will conduct the POW/MIA Empty Chair Remembrance Celebration. There will be the presentation of a wreath to honor the Hillsborough County Fallen Warriors. The Riverview Detachment of the Marine Corps League will fire a rifle salute and play taps. The Keynote Speaker will be Brigadier General Charles Q. Brown Jr. USAF, Deputy Director, Operations, US Central Command, MacDill AFB. Additional speakers will be Commander Philip Kapusta, (SEAL), USN, USSOCOM, MacDill, AFB, Frank Strom, Hillsborough County Veterans Affairs Manager and Walt Raysick President of the Veterans Council of Hillsborough County. The public is invited and encouraged to attend. Following the ceremony refreshments will be provided by VFW Post 8108 Auxiliaries, Riverview. For further information please contact Walt Raysick at 813-653-4924 or [wraysick@verizon.net](mailto:wraysick@verizon.net).