

## **ORGANIZER ASKS LOCAL VFW FOR WWII VETS FOR BOAT PARADE**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE –

MADEIRA BEACH, Fla. – August 15, 2018 – House Committee members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 4256 met with Pam Rasmussen, a volunteer organizer and co-chair of this year's 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Veterans Boat Parade.

Rasmussen told the committee that she is looking for a special set of veterans to participate in this year's parade, "We very much want to include and specially honor as many World War II veterans that we can in the parade." She asked that "anyone knowing of any such veterans who would like to participate to get in touch with us." VFW Commander Ron Mills said that he would get the word out among the membership.

Rasmussen said that the parades are held on the Saturday closest to Veterans Day, which will be November 10<sup>th</sup> this year. She said event boaters will begin at the American Legion in Madeira Beach, proceed to Treasure Island, and then return back to the starting point.

The committee was provided brochures showing levels of parade participation, and it unanimously voted to recommend a \$1000 donation to be approved by the post's membership.

Rasmussen stated that proceeds support various veterans' projects including providing service dogs to qualified veterans. She asked that anyone wishing to volunteer to contact event organizers, and that more information was available at their website and on the parade Facebook page.

"My parade co-chair, Rodger Gerstung, and I are humbled to be able to work with so many others to continue this great event. It not only provides an avenue for us to honor our veterans but gives us a chance to give back to those that sacrificed for our freedoms," said Rasmussen.



L-R: Don Daviau, Pam Rasmussen, John Kieffer, Brian Rogers, John Douthirt, Ron Mills

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