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Town Celebrates 2nd Annual Veterans Day Ceremony

CUTLER BAY, FL November 15, 2017- On Saturday, November 11, 2017, the Town celebrated its 2nd Annual Veterans Day Ceremony and pancake breakfast at Cutler Bay Town Center to honor the brave men and women of the Armed Forces.

The audience listened intently as the guests of honor shared their experiences, ranks, and services. The Cutler Ridge Elementary Student Choir, led by Willie Minor, began the ceremony with the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem as well as a moving performance of “Proud to be an American.”

Leading up to the ceremony, students from Cutler Bay Senior High were encouraged by Language Arts Teacher, Ms. McCoy, to learn more about heroism and importance of our American servicemen and women throughout our nation’s history; inviting them to write an essay or poem titled “Why is a Veteran a Hero?” A total of 100 essays were submitted. Our partners from CenterState Bank offered cash prizes to the winning contestants; \$125 for first place, \$75 for second place, and \$50 for third place.

In the end the winners were Lizandra Oramas, Ashley Johnson, and Nashla Fitzgibbons. The Winners read their pieces at the ceremony and were presented with a certificate from Mayor Peggy R. Bell, Vice Mayor Sue Ellen Loyzelle, Council Member Roger Coriat, and County Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava.

“We are very thankful for all the veterans and soldiers that keep us safe every day. The student essays were wonderful this year, and are a small expression of our gratitude. Town Staff did an outstanding job of bringing the community together, to recognize the brave men and women, that serve our country,” Mayor Peggy R. Bell.

The ceremony ended with guest speaker Dr. Walter Bebrick, who at the age of 25, became a civilian professor at the Naval War College, educating and developing today’s military leaders for tomorrow’s challenges, and working to strengthen American’s relationships around the world.

For additional information regarding upcoming special events, please visit the Town's website at www.cutlerbay-fl.gov or contact Kimberly Thomas at 786-573-5577.



Police Major Leonard Ricelli and SGT Christopher Reed with Local Veterans

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