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AVOW honors veterans at 6th Annual Armed Forces Celebration May 20

NAPLES, Fla. (June 2, 2022) – Avow honored veterans at its 6th Annual Armed Forces Celebration on May 20 at the Avow campus in Naples. The complimentary event was underwritten by America’s Military and 1st Responders Museum, Bruce Hayhoe and David Hinds.

The ceremony included a Presentation of the Colors from Golden Gate VFW Post 7721; the National Anthem by Avow’s music therapists; an invocation and benediction by John King, Avow chaplain; readings by Matthew Holliday, Jessica Stearns and Robert Fulton; musical entertainment by HUGs Ukulele Band; a rifle salute and taps by the Marine Corps League of Naples, E.T. Brisson Detachment #063; a Saber Guard by the Palmetto Ridge High School JROTC; distribution of retired American flag stars from StarsForOurTroops.org by the Naples Young Marines, and a keynote address by U.S. Army Retired Chaplain, Brigadier General Kenneth E. Brandt.

The event is one of several planned by Avow to honor veterans each year. Avow is a Level 5 Partner with We Honor Veterans, a program of the National Hospice and Palliative Care

Organization (NHPCO) and among 3.8% of hospices participating in the program to achieve the highest level, demonstrating commitment to veteran-centric care.

Avow will also celebrate Women's Veterans Day with a first-time event Friday, June 10. All female military service members are invited for lunch and conversation from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Interested participants should RSVP by June 3 to foundation@avowcares.org or 239-649-3683.

PHOTO CAPTIONS (*pictured from left to right*):

Photo 1: Bob Young, Jodi Bailey

Photo 2: Dave Hinds, Glenna Hayhoe

Photo 3: Alex Johnson, Rob Fulton, Paul Murray

Photo 4: Jackie Keay, Jessica Stearns

Photo 5: Brad Heiges, Nancy Lewis

Photo 6: Pat Adams, Sandra Simmons

Photo 7: Bonnie Kluttz, Julie Badour

Photo 8: Dawn Henderson, Hyla Crane

Photo 9: Angelo Smith, Stefano Smith

Photo 10: Jonas Miguels, Krystal Lopez, Anthony Lopez

Photo 11: Patrick Lincoln, Carla Calzadilla, Jorge Elizondo

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