

16th ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

10:00 A.M.
MAY 30, 2022

Cynthia A. O'Connell, MHA, FACHE,
Associate Director/COO, VA Medical Center, West Palm Beach
Brig. Gen. U.S. Army (Retired)

Reveille.....Armando Cedeno, SPI

Master of Ceremonies.....Mike Trim, WPTV News Channel 5
Morning Anchor, U.S. Navy veteran

Opening Procession.....P. B. C. Firefighters Pipes and Drums Band

Presentation of Colors.....P. B. C. Sheriff's Office Color Guard
American Legion District 11 Color Guard

Invocation..... Anthony Beazley, Chief Chaplain, VA Medical Center,
West Palm Beach, U.S. Air Force veteran

Pledge of Allegiance..... Freddie Solomon, Palm Beach County
Veterans Court, U.S. Army veteran

National Anthem.....Carly Cantor

POW/MIA Ceremony.....Bill Arcuri
Capt U.S. Air Force (Retired), Vietnam Ex-POW

Agent Orange and Toxic Exposure Balloon Release.....Pat Rielly
U.S. Army veteran

Dismissal of Color Guard

Welcoming Remarks.....Todd S. Newkirk, Director
South Florida National Cemetery
MSgt U.S. Air Force (Retired)

Kalautie S. JangDhari
Director/CEO, VA Medical Center, Miami

Recognition of Honored Guests.....Mike Trim, WPTV News Channel 5
Morning Anchor, U.S. Navy veteran

America The Beautiful.....Carly Cantor

Featured Speaker..... Bill Arcuri
Capt U.S. Air Force (Retired), Vietnam Ex-POW

Benediction.....Anthony Beazley, Chief Chaplain, VA Medical Center,
West Palm Beach, U.S. Air Force veteran

Presentation of Wreath

Lord's Prayer.....Nick LaRose, Chaplain, Vietnam Veterans of America
Chapter 25, U.S. Air Force veteran

Closing of Ceremony

Volley.....P. B. C. Sheriff's Office Fire Team

Echo Taps.....Armando Cedeno, Jose Dudley,
and Samuel Millington

Cannon.....Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Honor Guard

Retirement of Colors.....P. B. C. Sheriff's Office Color Guard
American Legion District 11 Color Guard

William Y. Arcuri

U.S. Air Force (Retired), Vietnam Ex-POW

Rank, Service: Captain 0-3, U.S. Air Force (Retired)

Distinguished Flying Cross with Valor

U.S. Air Force 1965-1966

U.S. Military Academy 1966-1970

U.S. Air Force 1970-1976 Cold War 1965-1976

Vietnam War 1972-1973 (POW)

Tribute:

Bill Arcuri was born in 1947 in Tallahassee, Florida. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force on June 7, 1965, and after completing basic training he attended the Air Force Academy Preparatory School. He received a congressional appointment to the U.S. Military Academy in June 1966, and he was commissioned a 2nd Lt in the U.S. Air Force upon graduation from West Point on June 3, 1970. Lt Arcuri entered Undergraduate Pilot Training in August 1970, and was awarded his pilot wings at Moody AFB, Georgia, in June 1971. Following B-52 Stratofortress Combat Crew Training, his first assignment was as a B-52 copilot with the 744th Bomb Squadron of the 456th Bomb Wing at Beale AFB, California, from January 1972 until he was forced to eject over North Vietnam and was taken as a Prisoner of War on December 20, 1972. After spending 55 days in captivity, he was released during Operation Homecoming on February 12, 1973, and then was briefly hospitalized at Travis AFB, California to recover from his injuries. Capt Arcuri returned to flying status in July 1973 and left active duty on July 22, 1976.

Musical Interlude provided by DJ Larry Oberman.

Flyover provided by the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Aviation Unit

Special thanks to Director Todd S. Newkirk and staff of the South Florida National Cemetery for their dedication to veterans; to the West Palm Beach VA Medical Center; to the Miami VA Medical Center; and to the Scouts of Gulfstream Council.

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The mission of Palm Beach County Veterans Committee is to proudly honor through the Memorial Day Ceremony and the Veterans Parade, our past, present, and future veterans in this, our Country—the United States of America.

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