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AFRH Chief Operating Officer Fact Sheet 20

Subject: New Director and Ombudsman for AFRH-Gulfport

Director, AFRH-Gulfport

Mr. Richard (Rick) Heath will assume the position of Director, AFRH-Gulfport, effective March 28, 2010. Mr. Heath is currently the Executive Director at the North Florida Retirement Village in Gainesville, FL. Mr. Heath has over 30 years of experience in senior housing management and has spent twenty-five of those years as the head of a home. He has opened a nursing home and three retirement communities, as well as provided oversight for a \$104 million community expansion.

Mr. Heath served honorably in the Ohio Air National Guard for six years as an enlisted member. He also participated in the ROTC Program for two years in college. He has a M.S. degree in Studies in Aging from the University of North Texas and is a licensed Nursing Home Administrator.

AFRH-Gulfport Ombudsman

In February, Master Chief James "Jim" Fairbanks reported to AFRH-G to serve as the AFRH-G Ombudsman. Master Chief Fairbanks, a northern Minnesota native, came to us from the Naval Construction Battalion Center in Gulfport where he served as the Command Master Chief. Prior to that assignment he served as the Force Master Chief of the Seabees from 2005 to 2008. He also served as the Command Master Chief at the Naval Construction Training Center, NMCB-One and the 22nd Naval Construction Regiment.

Master Chief Fairbanks is a graduate of the U.S. Navy Seabee Enlisted Academy and is a designated Seabee Combat Warfare and Master Training Specialist.

Mr. Heath and Master Chief Fairbanks will occupy positions authorized by Public Law 101-510, the Armed Forces Retirement Act of 1991, as amended. We wish both of our new senior management team members a hearty welcome and much success in their AFRH positions.


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