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NEW VETERANS MEMORIAL UNVEILING CEREMONY AT MIAMI LAKES TOWN HALL ON SEPTEMBER 4

MIAMI LAKES, Florida, August 27, 2014 – The public is cordially invited to attend the unveiling of the new Veterans Memorial in front of Town Hall (6601 Main Street, Miami Lakes, FL) at 6:30 pm on Thursday, Sept. 4, 2014.

The ceremony, organized by the Town of Miami Lakes Veterans Committee, will include a Presentation of the Colors, reading of a proclamation from the Mayor and Town Council, and the unveiling of the commemorative bricks placed on the pathway leading to the Memorial.

The Veterans Memorial is a Town of Miami Lakes public art project and is in accordance with Miami Dade County Ordinance No. 2-11.15 (Art in Public Places), which requires that the Town allocate 1.5% of construction costs of all new public facilities to be used for the commissioning of public art. The artwork, entitled "V is for Veterans", was created by Artist Stephanie Jaffe Werner to honor all five of the United States Military Branches: Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard. A Professional Advisory Committee made up of local arts professionals was formed and with the support of the Town's Veterans Committee, selected Jaffe's artwork to adorn Town Hall and to pay tribute to the men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our great country.

For more information on the unveiling ceremony, please contact Clarisell De Cardenas, Special Events & Committees Coordinator, at decardenasc@miamilakes-fl.gov or (305) 364-6100.

About Stephanie Jaffe Werner

Whether placed in public plazas or staged in shadow boxes, the artwork of Stephanie Jaffe Werner is distinguished by unconventional combinations of handcrafted and found materials. Her vibrant collages

and mosaics integrate eclectic elements such as vintage keepsakes, dolls and fine china with blown glass and fired clay to create whimsical arrangements.

Now based in South Florida, Jaffe was raised in New York amid a family business that manufactured wire components, nurturing an entrepreneurial spirit and a passion for collecting a wide array of objects and transforming them in creative ways.

Since 2004, Jaffe has been selected by public juries and commissioned by private enterprises for numerous interior murals and outdoor projects. Jaffe's distinctive works are permanently installed throughout Florida, from the accessible Lealman Park "L" in Pinellas County to the monumental Florida Highwaymen Obelisk in Fort Pierce that features her hand-carved ceramic interpretations of landscape paintings itinerant African-American artists sold along state highways in the 1950s. For more information on Jaffe, please visit www.stephaniejaffewerner.com.