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TEMPLE TERRACE TO CELEBRATE VETERANS DAY

TEMPLE TERRACE, FL. – (11/4/13) – The City of Temple Terrace will host a special program Monday, Nov. 11, 2013 to honor area military veterans for *Veterans Day 2013*.

The Veterans Day program will be 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Omar K. Lightfoot Recreation Center, 10901 N. 56th St., Temple Terrace. It is Temple Terrace's way of saying "thank you" to the men and women who have served in America's armed forces. All area veterans and their families are invited to attend.

Temple Terrace resident Kiersten Downs will be this year's featured speaker. Downs gained national recognition this past summer when she rode a bicycle more than 3,000 miles across America to draw attention to the issues faced by student military veterans. She is a graduate student at the University of South Florida and former president of the USF chapter of Student Veterans of America.

The Temple Terrace Highlanders pipe and drum band will perform several patriotic songs. The King High Naval Junior ROTC will serve as color guard. Gracie Saunders, 12, will recite the poem "Flag of the Free," and her 3-year-old brother, Jacob, will lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Temple Terrace Mayor Frank Chillura will offer closing remarks, and there will be many other dignitaries and special guests in attendance. Following the ceremony, light refreshments will be served.

The city wishes to extend its thanks to Mayor Chillura and the City Council, the Greater Temple Terrace Chamber of Commerce, King High School, the Temple Terrace Highlanders, Costco, Sweetbay Supermarket, and all the volunteers who have contributed to this special event.

NOTE: Because Veterans Day is a national holiday, City Hall and other government offices will be closed on Monday, Nov. 11. There will be no residential trash pickup that day.

For more information about the Veterans Day ceremony, please call (813) 506-6600.