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# National Veterans Memorial and Museum <u>Announces Virtual Memorial Day Weekend Walk/Run, Ceremony</u>

**COLUMBUS, Ohio** (May 5, 2020) – The National Veterans Memorial and Museum today announced a slate of virtual events that will allow the public to safely honor the brave servicemen and women who sacrificed their lives protecting our freedom.

Memorial Day observances will consist of three interactive opportunities to honor and always remember those who fought and died for our country. The weekend kicks off with the *Honor Them Together National Virtual Walk/Run* (May 22-25), followed by the *Memorial Day Ceremony* (May 25) broadcast on Facebook Live and the *I Will Always Remember* campaign to honor fallen heroes during the month of May.

"On Memorial Day, we are reminded that our freedom isn't free," said Lt. General Michael Ferriter, U.S. Army (Retired), President and CEO, National Veterans Memorial and Museum. "I am proud that we have adapted to the virtual environment in order to share opportunities to honor our fallen service members and their friends and families together during this important holiday."

More information is available below and on the National Veterans Memorial and Museum Memorial Day 2020 landing page at: NationalVMM.org/MemorialDay.

#### We Honor Them Together National Virtual Walk/Run

Join us May 22-25 for the <u>We Honor Them Together National Virtual Walk/Run</u>. This family-friendly event features options to walk 1 mile, 5k or 10k in memory of a lost loved one. Complete your walk or run safely on your own and share on social media to honor the sacrifice of America's heroes. Register before May 18 to receive your event T-shirt and bib prior May 25 so you can wear them proudly during your walk or run on Memorial Day. This event is made possible by our race sponsors: Greenswell, COTA and NiSource.

### Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony

Mark Memorial Day with our annual <u>Remembrance Ceremony</u> 10 -10:30 a.m. on <u>Facebook Live</u> with special messages and remarks from Ryan Manion, president of the Travis Manion Foundation and sister of 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Travis Manion, USMC, who gave his life in service to his patrol and his country. Following this brief ceremony, continue to remember our beloved servicemen and women on social media with: #IWillAlwaysRemember, #NVMM and #MemorialDay2020.

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## I Will Always Remember

Participate in the National Veterans Memorial and Museum's 2020 Memorial Day Commemoration by sharing who you will always remember. You can honor a friend or family member lost in the line of duty, or all those who have died serving our country with a memorial gift of any amount. During the month of May, share the service member's name that you will always remember, and stand with us as we preserve and honor every Veteran's story at <a href="NationalVMM.org/give">NationalVMM.org/give</a>.

#### **About the National Veterans Memorial and Museum**

The National Veterans Memorial and Museum currently takes visitors on a virtual narrative journey telling individual stories and sharing the experiences of Veterans from all military branches throughout history. The Museum pays tribute to the sacrifices of men and women in service and their families. Sign up at <a href="NationalVMM.org">NationalVMM.org</a> to receive our weekly enewsletter sharing information from Veterans about coping with our current living and working conditions, live online events, Veterans stories and more.

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