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National Veterans Memorial and Museum Resumes Regular Hours in March

"We The People" Art Exhibition Extended; Meet the Artist, New Events in April

(COLUMBUS, Ohio) – After being open weekends during February, the National Veterans Memorial and Museum welcomes Veterans and guests for regularly scheduled winter hours starting Wednesday, March 3. The Memorial and Museum will be open Wednesday – Sunday from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Please visit <u>nationalvmm.org</u> or click here for ticketing information: https://nationalvmm.org/visit/tickets/.

"While the health and safety of our guests and our team remains our top priority, we are ready to safely return to our winter schedule of welcoming guests in the museum five days a week," said Lt. General Michael Ferriter, U.S. Army (Retired), president and CEO, National Veterans Memorial and Museum. "The museum is equipped with a medical-grade air filtration system, and our dedicated staff is ensuring social distancing along with rigorous disinfecting practices, so we look forward to sharing Veterans' inspiring stories and new April events with those who are ready to visit."

Returning guests can enjoy We The People: Portraits of Veterans in America by watercolor artist, Mary Whyte -- held over at the museum through April 11, 2021. Additionally, four new events will allow small numbers of people to safely enjoy engaging with Mary Whyte at the museum.

- Veterans Paint with Mary Whyte: Thurs., April 8 (10 a.m. 4 p.m.)

 The museum and Mary Whyte will invite 12-14 Veterans to participate in a one-day sketching and watercolor painting class taught by the artist herself. The Patriot Art Foundation will supply all materials for this free class for Veterans.
- Paint with Mary Whyte: Fri., April 9 (10 a.m. 4 p.m.)
 We invite watercolor enthusiasts (class size of 10-12) to participate in a one-day watercolor painting class taught by artist Mary Whyte. Ticket price for this amazing day of personal instruction including lunch is \$325 for museum members and \$400 for non-members. Tickets on sale March 1.
- An Evening with We The People -- The Veterans, the Portraits and the Artist: Fri., April 9 (6 p.m. 8 p.m.) The museum will host a celebration event as We The People: Portraits of Veterans in America comes to a close in the Great Hall where it has been inspiring guests since September 2020. Artist Mary Whyte will host a short program and two private tours of the exhibition. Veterans featured in the exhibition will be invited as our guests for the evening. Tickets go on sale March 1. Prices are \$30 for museum members and \$40 for non-members; all tickets include parking and light refreshments. Attendance will be limited to 125 guests to allow for social distancing.

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Meet the Artist Book Signing & Final Artist Guided Tours: Sat., April 10 (1 p.m. – 3 p.m.)
 Before artist Mary Whyte leaves Columbus, Ohio, she will stop by the museum one last time for a book signing and two final guided exhibition tours. Tours will be limited to 10-12 guests each. Museum admission required.
 Veterans, Gold Star families and members always receive free admission.

Visitors, including Veterans and members, are encouraged to reserve admission tickets in advance online at https://nationalvmm.org/visit/tickets/

For those who aren't ready or can't travel to the museum at this time, we encourage you to purchase your <u>We The</u> People Virtual Tour ticket.

Detailed information on all museum health and safety measures can be found here.

About the National Veterans Memorial and Museum

The National Veterans Memorial and Museum takes visitors on a narrative journey telling individual stories and shared experiences of Veterans from all military branches throughout history. The Memorial and Museum also honors the sacrifices of men and women in service and their families. History is presented in a dynamic, participatory experience with photos, letters and personal effects, multimedia presentations, interactive exhibits, online events and digital content. Together, these elements link our national story to the larger context of the world. As a 501(C)3 non-profit organization, the Memorial and Museum does not receive any federal or state funding and is supported by our generous corporate sponsors, devoted members and caring donors who believe in our mission.

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