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Lt. General Michael Ferriter, U.S. Army (Retired) National Veterans Memorial and Museum President & CEO Inducted into U.S. Army Ranger Hall of Fame

(COLUMBUS, Ohio) – Lt. General Michael Ferriter, U.S. Army (Retired), president and CEO of the National Veterans Memorial and Museum (NVMM) was inducted into the U.S. Army Ranger Hall of Fame on Wednesday, July 21 at Fort Benning, Georgia.

"This is an incredible honor and accomplishment, especially when you consider the tens of thousands of Rangers who honorably and heroically served our country in World War II, the Korean War, Vietnam and now, our modern day Ranger Regiment," said Col. Bill Butler, U.S. Army (Retired), chief of staff at the National Veterans Memorial and Museum. "It's similar to an NFL player being enshrined in the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton."

Formed in 1992, the Ranger Hall of Fame serves the exclusive purpose of honoring and preserving the contributions of America's most extraordinary Rangers. Those charged with administering the Ranger Hall of Fame take particular care to ensure that only the most extraordinary Rangers are inducted, a difficult mission given the high caliber of all nominees.

Lt. General Ferriter served 35 years in the U.S. Army commanding soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines and international forces at every level. Commissioned in 1979 as a second lieutenant, he participated in numerous overseas operations including Operation Restore Hope in Somalia, Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation New Dawn in Iraq.

In his last role with the U.S. Army as Commanding General, Lieutenant General Ferriter led 75 Army installations and bases, comprised of a 75,000-person workforce, while managing a \$12 billion budget. Through his strategic leadership, he successfully cut costs and achieved a savings of nearly \$3 billion by transforming the way business was conducted and services delivered.

After a successful career with the U.S. Army as an operational leader, Ferriter continued his commitment to serve by establishing the Ferriter Group, LLC, a consulting firm that focuses on improving organizations, leaders and teams. He is an inspiring speaker with an emphasis on leading through crisis, successful transformation of organizations, and leading startups. He has dedicated his civilian career to helping organizations and associations, and remains committed and passionate about serving Veterans, military families and families of the Fallen.

Ferriter was hired to lead the NVMM in June 2018 and opened the museum in October that year. The museum had steadily grown its membership base and programming aimed at sharing the Veteran story. When the pandemic hit in March 2020, the NVMM pivoted under Ferriter's guidance to present formerly in-person events virtually to thousands of people across the country and overseas and created new digital experiences such as Inspiring Stories of Service shared





monthly at <u>NationalVMM.org</u>. He successfully led the museum through the pandemic with no layoffs for full-time staff and spent time creating new programs and Veteran story sharing opportunities that will be introduced later this year.

Ferriter and his wife, Margie, have four adult children who are invested in military and public service to our country.

About the National Veterans Memorial and Museum

The National Veterans Memorial and Museum is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that takes visitors on a narrative journey telling individual stories and sharing 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 our world. For more information, please visit NationalVMM.org.

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