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National Veterans Memorial and Museum Celebrates Five-Year Anniversary with Fundraiser Party on October 18

(COLUMBUS, Ohio) – The National Veterans Memorial and Museum (NVMM) invites the public to celebrate five years of honoring Veterans, inspiring guests to service where they live, connecting Veterans and communities and educating youth and guests during [An Evening of Impact](#) at the NVMM on Wednesday, October 18. Doors open at 6 p.m.

“We are deeply thankful to the people of Columbus, our sponsors, boards of directors and thousands of Veterans, museum members and communities across the country who have supported our collective efforts before and since opening day on October 27, 2018,” said Lt. General Michael Ferriter, U.S. Army (Retired), president and CEO, National Veterans Memorial and Museum. “During our *Evening of Impact*, we’ll share how we’re changing lives and how individuals and corporations can join the mission to help continue the important work we do together.”

Angela An, WBNS 10TV award-winning morning anchor and Veteran spouse, will serve as mistress of ceremonies for a short program including remarks from:

- Lewis “Lou” Von Thaer, NVMM board chair, president and CEO of Battelle;
- Janelle Coleman, NVMM board member, vice president, Corporate Philanthropy and Community Engagement, American Electric Power Foundation;
- Lt. General Michael Ferriter, NVMM president and CEO; and
- Steve Stivers, president and CEO, Ohio Chamber of Commerce, Maj. General, Ohio Army National Guard.

An Evening of Impact [tickets are available through the NVMM website](#). For those unable to join in person, we have a text-to-give option: Text NVMM5 to 614.333.0007 and [online donations](#). Donations will be matched up to \$25,000 by our generous partners at CAS.

Additional highlights include:

- Impact Gallery unveiling featuring testimony and Veterans from sponsor corporations;
- Messages from prominent NVMM stakeholders, sponsors and donors;
- Veterans featured in the museum will be on hand to engage with attendees;
- Heavy hors d'oeuvres and beverages including a signature cocktail;
- A special rooftop finale with music by The Power Chords, a local band featuring well-known business leaders including NVMM board member, Major General Stephen Markovich, M.D., U.S. Air Force (Retired), OhioHealth president and CEO; and former NVMM board member Joseph Hamrock, retired NiSource president and CEO.

About the National Veterans Memorial and Museum

The National Veterans Memorial and Museum is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and does not receive federal funding. The museum takes visitors on a narrative journey telling individual stories and sharing experiences of Veterans from all military branches throughout history, both during their service and as they continue serving in our communities. We honor 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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