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Join the NVMM for a Special Program: "With Creativity and Humor, A Child of War Finally Tells Her Story"

COLUMBUS, Ohio – Join us on Wednesday, April 9, from 6-7 p.m. for a special program titled "With Creativity and Humor, A Child of War Finally Tells Her Story," hosted by the National Veterans Memorial and Museum (NVMM) in collaboration with Ohioana. This event is part of the Month of the Military Child, a time to honor the sacrifices made by military families.

Patricia Wynn Brown will share her powerful journey of resilience and creativity as she navigated the challenges of post-World War II America growing up with a Navy Vet dad possessing severe PTSD. Her talk and reading will illustrate how she learned to not just cope with the aftermath of war but to thrive, utilizing the arts, her imagination, and the blessed gift of humor.

In addition to Patricia's inspiring story, a representative from the Department of Veterans Affairs will be present to discuss PTSD and the current mental health resources available to service members, veterans, and their families.

Patricia Wynn Brown is the author of Royal Roots: Reimagining a

Life Through Humor, a Castle and the U.S. Navy. She's an award-winning writer, national speaker, performer, dancer and former longtime emcee of the Erma Bombeck Writers' Workshop, where she continues to help plan the event. Her humor memoir column appeared in newspapers for eight years. For 15 years, she performed her comedy memoir show across the country. Patricia considers humor to be the eighth sacrament of healing. A beloved comment she hears often from readers and audience members is, "I needed that laugh more than you'll ever know."

Suggested admission for this enlightening evening is \$10. Don't miss this opportunity to gain insight into the experiences of those affected by war and the healing power of creativity.

For more information and to register for tickets, please click <u>here</u>.

About the National Veterans Memorial and Museum

The National Veterans Memorial and Museum takes visitors on a narrative journey telling individual stories and sharing experiences of Veterans from all military branches throughout history. <u>The National Veterans Memorial and Museum</u> pays tribute to the sacrifices of men and women in service and their families. History is presented through a dynamic, participatory experience with photos, letters and personal effects, multi-media presentations, and interactive exhibits. Together, these elements link our national story of service to the larger context of the world. The NVMM is located at 300 W. Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43215.

