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Memorial Day Weekend – A Time for Remembrance and Honor

COLUMBUS, Ohio – The National Veterans Memorial and Museum (NVMM) invites the community to participate in a series of meaningful events from Saturday, May 24, to Monday, May 26, to commemorate Memorial Day Weekend in honor of all who have given their lives in service to our country.

Our national Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony will be held on Monday, May 26, at 10 a.m. Keynote speaker **Nate Boyer, U.S. Army Green Beret Veteran and former NFL player**, will address attendees. Tickets for the ceremony can be reserved <u>here</u>. For those unable to attend in person, the ceremony will be streamed live <u>here</u>. For admission to the museum on Memorial Day, visitors will be asked to "donate what you will."



Nate Boyer Keynote Speaker



Maj. Gen. Graham Vigil Speaker

On Sunday evening, May 25, NVMM will host its Gold Star Family Candlelight Vigil. Doors open at 7 p.m.,

with a reception, followed by a procession from the rooftop to the Memorial Grove beginning at 7:45 p.m. The ceremony begins at 8 p.m. We are honored to welcome **Maj. Gen. Mark A. Graham, U.S. Army (Ret.)**, as our guest speaker. A Gold Star father, Maj. Gen. Graham dedicated his life to promoting mental health awareness and suicide prevention, following the tragic losses of his sons. Tickets for this event are free and may be reserved <u>here</u>.

The Gold Star Family Candlelight Vigil is a public, solemn event to honor immediate family members of fallen service members. Those wishing to remember extended family, friends, or fellow servicemembers may do so av Remembrance Coromony.

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On Saturday, May 24, participants can join "The Murph," a CrossFit workout honoring Medal of Honor recipient and Navy SEAL, Lt. Michael Murphy. For details, visit <u>nationalvmm.org/memorial-day-2025/.</u>

All members of the public are welcome to participate in our annual Memorial Day flag campaign. For a donation of \$20 or more, individuals can dedicate a flag on the NVMM lawn in memory of a loved one who made the ultimate sacrifice, or in honor of all who have given their lives in defense of our freedom. To dedicate a flag that will be displayed the week of Memorial Day, 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</u> <u>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.