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## **National Veterans Memorial and Museum Top Five Finisher in USA Today 10Best Readers' Choice Awards**

**COLUMBUS, Ohio** (Feb. 28, 2020) – After 28 days of online voting in *USA Today's* 10Best Readers' Choice Awards, the results are in. The [National Veterans Memorial and Museum](http://NationalVeteransMemorialandMuseum.org) finished fourth in the Best New Museum category out of 20 museums nominated across the country!

"We are honored and excited that so many people showed their support of our mission by voting for the National Veterans Memorial and Museum as the best new museum in the country," said Lt. Gen. Michael Ferriter, U.S. Army (Retired), President and CEO of the National Veterans Memorial and Museum. "This is a young organization that will continue to grow our inspiring museum experience and impact the lives of our Veterans and their families."

"Top-notch attractions and unique experiences like the National Veterans Memorial and Museum make Columbus a highly desirable destination for national leisure travelers and convention groups," said Sarah Townes, vice president of marketing at Experience Columbus. "We're proud to have them in our community and are pleased the readers of *USA TODAY* recognized them as one of the 10 best new museums in the country."

Nominees for all 10Best Readers' Choice Awards categories are selected by a panel of relevant experts which include a combination of editors from *USA TODAY*; editors from 10Best.com; relevant expert contributors; and sources for both these media and other Gannett properties. The nomination panel for each award category is displayed on its associated contest page. All voting is digital and the 10Best Readers' Choice Award contest is accessible on the 10Best.com website.

### **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 National Veterans Memorial and Museum pays tribute to 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, multi-media presentations, and interactive exhibits. Together, these elements link our national story to the larger context of world.

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