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## **National Veterans Memorial and Museum Names Members to New Foundation and Operating Boards**

**COLUMBUS, Ohio** -- The National Veterans Memorial and Museum held its first board meetings where national and community leaders were named to new foundation and operating boards. Both boards are chaired by Lewis "Lou" Von Thaer, President and CEO of Battelle.

The board meetings marked the official transfer of museum operations from the Columbus Downtown Development Corporation to independent boards of directors. In response to COVID-19, each board meeting was held virtually on March 31, 2020.

The Columbus Downtown Development Corporation constructed and opened the National Veterans Memorial and Museum to the public in October 2018. The museum, nationally designated by Congress and signed into law by the President in June 2018, is dedicated to telling the stories of service men and women, from all military branches and during peacetime and war.

"We are thankful for the commitment these leaders are making to support our mission and ensuring, through their guidance, that we continue our path of supporting Veterans and impacting lives. Their leadership is especially critical during this unprecedented time," said Lt. General Michael Ferriter, U.S. Army (Retired), President and CEO of the National Veterans Memorial and Museum.

In addition to the two boards, a Veterans Advisory Committee composed of Veterans representing all branches of service will be providing advice and guidance on the direction of programming. This committee is chaired by Major General Dennis Laich, U.S. Army Reserves (Retired).

"On behalf of Veterans across the nation, we are forever grateful to the Columbus Downtown Development Corporation, under the leadership of CEO and President Guy Worley, for building a magnificent facility and guiding us to this point in time," Ferriter added.

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Members of the Foundation Board, bringing leadership from across the country, have committed to advocate, advise, raise funds and awareness to support the National Veterans Memorial and Museum's mission. They include:

- Chair: Lewis "Lou" Von Thaer, President and CEO, Battelle
- Rye Barcott, Co-Founder, CEO, With Honor
- Vice Admiral John Bird (Retired), Senior Vice President, Military Affairs, USAA
- Greg Carmichael, Chairman, President and CEO, Fifth Third Bank
- Phil Carrow, President and CEO, Signal Point Systems
- Paul Chodak, Executive Vice President, AEP
- Janelle Coleman, Executive Vice President, External Affairs, The Columbus Zoo & Aquarium
- Colonel Mark Elliott (Retired), Global Head of Veteran and Military Affairs, JPMorgan Chase
- Manuel Guzman, President, CAS
- Joseph Hamrock, President and CEO, NiSource
- Michael Kaufmann, Chief Executive Officer, Cardinal Health
- Katie Wolfe Lloyd, Vice President, The Dispatch Printing Co.
- Major General Stephen Markovich, (Retired) M.D., President, OhioHealth
- John H. McConnell II, Business Director, Worthington Industries
- Lt. General Patricia McQuiston (Retired), Vice President, Membership & Meetings, AUSA
- Eric Smith, Senior Vice President, Commercial Lines, Nationwide
- Steve Steinour, Chairman, President and CEO, Huntington Bancshares
- Bruce Thorn, President and CEO, Big Lots
- Abigail Wexner, Chairwoman and CEO, White Barn Associates
- Guy Worley, CEO and President, Columbus Downtown Development Corporation

Members of the Operating Corporation Board, community leaders responsible for governing and overseeing the practices and programming, include:

- Chair: Lewis "Lou" Von Thaer, President and CEO, Battelle
- Tony Anzic, Executive Director, JPMorgan Chase
- Frederic Bertley, President and CEO, COSI

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- Eddie Burt, Senior Vice President, Supply Chain, Big Lots
- Paul Chodak, Executive Vice President, AEP
- Janelle Coleman, Executive Vice President, External Affairs, Columbus Zoo & Aquarium
- Craig Cowman, Executive Vice President, Global Sourcing and Chief Procurement Officer, Cardinal Health
- Dr. Michael Dennis, Vice President, CAS
- Eric Engquist, Vice President, Brand Management, USAA
- Nate Herman, Chief Audit Executive, Huntington
- Katie Wolfe Lloyd, Vice President, Dispatch Printing Co.
- Major General Stephen Markovich, (Retired) M.D., President, OhioHealth
- Eric Smith, Senior Vice President, Commercial Lines, Nationwide
- Amy Taylor, Chief Operating Officer, Columbus Downtown Development Corporation
- Jessica Weaver, Procurement Operations Manager, NiSource

## **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 the world.

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