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National Veterans Memorial and Museum Welcomes Back Veterans, Guests on June 27

(COLUMBUS, Ohio) -- On Saturday, June 27, the National Veterans Memorial will welcome back Veterans and the public to its iconic building with an extended run of the special exhibit, [So Ready for Laughter: The Legacy Bob Hope](#). On view through Labor Day, this is the traveling exhibit's first stop following The National WWII Museum in New Orleans, where it originated.

"While we have remained open virtually and connected with Veterans and supporters across the country over the last three months, we are excited to welcome back guests to engage with both our permanent and special exhibitions," said Lt. General Michael Ferriter, U.S. Army (Retired), President and CEO of the National Veterans Memorial and Museum.

"The health and safety of our guests and our team is our top priority" Ferriter said. "We are following state and national requirements for reopening cultural facilities and have trained our staff on all new procedures and guidelines."

Summer hours and special access days include:

- **Tuesday, June 23 through Friday, June 26:** Special Welcome Back Days for members from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- **Saturday, June 27:** The public is welcomed back to the museum.
- **Regular summer hours:** The museum will be open from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday.
- **Special Consideration Tuesdays:** Beginning June 30, every Tuesday from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., the museum is exclusively dedicated to ages 65 and older, individuals with underlying health concerns and those accompanying them.

All visitors, including Veterans and members, are strongly encourage to reserve admission tickets in advance, online at <https://nationalvmm.org/visit/tickets/>

As always, admission for Veterans, active military members and Gold Star families is free thanks to the generosity of individual and corporate donors. General admission is \$17 for adults; \$15 for seniors; \$10 for youth.

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Ongoing safety measures being implemented by the National Veterans Memorial and Museum include:

- Deep cleaning of the building prior to reopening.
- Sanitizing high-touch surfaces including exhibit displays, handrails, elevators and restrooms multiple times throughout the day.
- Training for staff and volunteers.
- Preorder ticketing process to ensure safe social distancing for all guests.
- Placement of hand sanitizing stations throughout the building.
- New signage and identifiers reminding guests of the importance of social distancing, hand sanitizing and wearing face coverings.
- Maintaining at least six feet between groups at all times.
- Requiring all staff and volunteers to wear face coverings.
- Encouraging all visitors to wear face coverings.

Detailed information on all health and safety measures can be found [here](#).

The National Veterans Memorial and Museum has not welcomed guests in the physical museum since March 13, 2020, when it closed for the health and safety of our staff and guests due to the onset of the COVID -19 pandemic. Since that time, the museum team continued to deliver on its mission to serve Veterans and constituents in the virtual space.

“We have been able to touch thousands across the country through our virtual events and ceremonies, including Vietnam War Veterans Day and our Facebook Live Rally Point programs for Veterans and supporters,” Ferriter said.

“This Memorial Day, our virtual run/walk attracted more than 700 participants from 36 states, and our virtual Memorial Day remembrance ceremony on Facebook reached 11,000. During this time, we also successfully graduated our first leadership certification class for Veterans in partnership with The Ohio State University’s John Glenn College of Public Affairs,” he said, adding that the museum will maintain its new virtual programming even as it moves back into its physical space.

For more information, visit <https://nationalvmm.org/>

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 Memorial and Museum also honors 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 world.

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