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National Veterans Memorial and Museum and Columbus Metropolitan Club Announce Partnership

COLUMBUS, Ohio -- The National Veterans Memorial and Museum (NVMM) and the Columbus Metropolitan Club (CMC) have entered into a partnership to host CMC's weekly civic-focused panel discussions in the NVMM's Great Hall. The official announcement of the partnership will be made during the CMC's Dec. 10 noon luncheon at the NVMM, located at 300 W. Broad St.

The partnership aims to enhance community engagement by providing a central, accessible venue for discussions on public policy and current events. The NVMM's mission to honor veterans and inspire service aligns with CMC's goal of fostering civic awareness through dialogue with community leaders.

"This exciting collaboration between the NVMM and the Columbus Metropolitan Club is the latest example of our work to build strategic partnerships with influential community partners that are mutually beneficial for both organizations," said NVMM CEO Dr. Frederic Bertley. "The CMC provides one of Columbus' most prominent forums for exploring civic, cultural, community and world-class city issues that will impact the future of our region, and the NVMM and its commitment is proud to be the focal point for those conversations."

"We are thrilled to bring the Columbus Metropolitan Club weekly programming to the beautiful surroundings of the National Veterans Memorial and Museum," said Sophia Fifner, President and CEO of the CMC. "NVMM is a place where powerful stories of service come to life and that's exactly what we do at CMC every week. Bringing our civic conversations to this inspiring riverfront space feels like a natural fit. We're honored to partner with an institution that shares our commitment to connection and community"

This collaboration offers CMC patrons easy access to NVMM's prime downtown location, complimentary parking, and a spacious venue for its weekly luncheons. The Dec. 10 luncheon will feature a panel discussion titled: "Urban Power: How Cities Are Driving Ohio's Growth." Panelists will include:

- Columbus Mayor Andrew Ginther,
- Toledo Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz,
- Findlay Mayor Christina Muryn, and
- Lima Mayor Sharetta Smith.
- WBNS 10TV news anchor Stacia Naquin will moderate the discussion.

Columbus Metropolitan Club luncheons may be viewed on their YouTube site here.

About the Columbus Metropolitan Club

Founded in 1976 by thirteen visionary women leaders, the mission of the Columbus Metropolitan Club is to connect people and ideas through community conversations.

To carry out its mission, CMC explores public policy issues, current events, and lessons in leadership weekly through regularly scheduled luncheon forums. CMC's goal is to encourage civic awareness of contemporary matters and to foster discussion of issues that confront the community, state, nation, and the world.

About the National Veterans Memorial and Museum

The National Veterans Memorial and Museum seeks to honor all Veterans, elevate their stories, and amplify the power of service for everyone, everywhere. The Museum takes visitors on a narrative journey telling individual stories and sharing 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 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.