

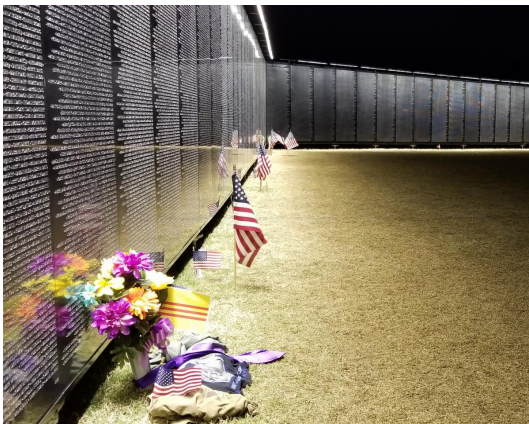
NATIONAL VETERANS MEMORIAL AND MUSEUM

Museum Open: Wed. - Sun., 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.



Memorial Day 2021 Live at the Museum and Virtual

***The Wall That Heals* Coming to the NVMM May 28 - May 31**



In honor of our brave service members who did not return home or receive a hero's welcome after their service and sacrifice in Vietnam, we are proud to host *The Wall That Heals* over Memorial Day Weekend.

The Wall will arrive at the museum with a police and motorcycle escort by the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association on May 26 at 3 p.m.

Built by the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, *The Wall That Heals* is a traveling, three-quarter scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington D.C. that holds more than 58,000 names of service members who gave their lives as a result of the Vietnam War.

This **free outdoor exhibition** will open to the public on May 28 and remain open 24-hours a day until May 31 at 2 p.m. In addition to The Wall, a Mobile Education Center will be onsite featuring digital photo displays of "Hometown Heroes," and educational displays about the Vietnam War.

Volunteers are needed to help assemble The Wall on May 27, staff and watch over it during its time at the NVMM and disassemble The Wall on

May 31. Please click the Volunteer button below for details on how you or your group can help. We welcome everyone to come out, experience this incredible exhibit, learn about the Vietnam War, honor our Veterans and help one another heal.

[Volunteer](#)

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Join the NVMM Memorial Virtual Run, Walk, Ruck and Roll!

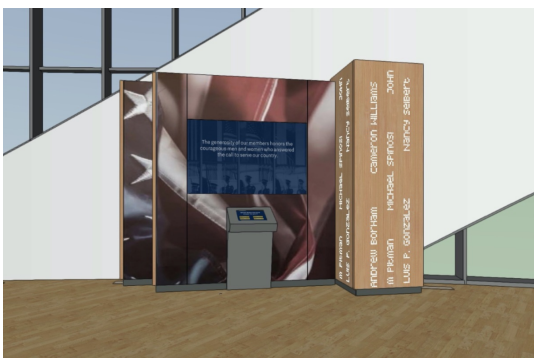
Register by May 15 to Receive Your Race Shirt and Bib Before May 23

Honor and always remember the service men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms by joining together with friends and family to run, walk, ruck or roll in their memory. This family-friendly event may be conducted at the time and location of your choosing, however, we would love to see you all out Memorial Day Weekend, May 23 - May 31. You can register for your choice of distances: 1-Mile, 5K or 10K. Shirts feature a blank section on the back to write in the name of the Veteran(s) you will always remember. Create a team and challenge others to run, walk, ruck or roll to remember!



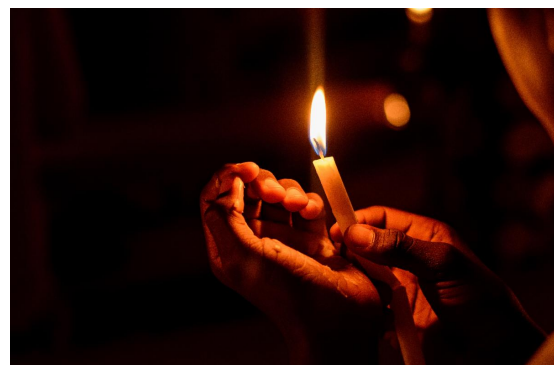
[Register Now](#)

Introducing the NVMM Membership Registry! May 28



We are excited to give you a sneak-peek at the Inaugural Member Registry, slated to open May 28.

Gold Star Family Candlelight Vigil May 28, 8 p.m.



To honor the sacrifices of our nation's fallen and their families, we are holding a Gold Star Family Candlelight Vigil on May 28.

This digital exhibit, sponsored by our friends at Big Lots, will proudly list the names of over 4,000 Inaugural Members (and counting) who have joined the NVMM. Visitors also can view highlights of our membership program such as which state has the most members and more.

Join as a member today and list your name, your family's name or the name of a loved one you'd like to honor in the registry. Current members can email our [Membership office](#) or call us at 614.212.6052.

**Become a
Member**

Gold Star families can commemorate their lost loved ones by lighting a candle in their honor and walking in a procession down from the NVMM rooftop to the Soldiers Cross sculpture in Memorial Grove.

We will have a short memorial program in the Grove and drop flowers in the reflecting pool.

The ceremony will be shared on Facebook and YouTube as well for those who cannot attend.

**Memorial Day
Weekend**

Save the Date: Ride2NVMM May 29

Motorcyclists are invited to prepare their bikes for a ride to the museum on Saturday, May 29, as part of the Ride2NVMM.

Our partners organizing the Ride2NVMM will provide additional details and a link for information as soon as they become available.



"A Rendezvous with Destiny" Exclusive Film Premiere and Program Featuring the Filmmaker and WWII Veterans May 29, 6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.

The National Veterans Memorial and Museum is hosting the exclusive premiere of Tracie Hunter's newest WWII documentary, *"A Rendezvous with Destiny,"* based on Jos Groen's book, *"Three of the Last WWII Screaming Eagles."* Hunter is an acclaimed Emmy Award-winning director for her documentary, *"The Last Signal."* A short program will include one or more of the three remaining Screaming Eagles of



the 101st Airborne Division who parachuted into Normandy the night before D-Day. Join us at the museum to be part of this exclusive screening opportunity. This is a ticketed event with both virtual and in-person options available. Tickets go on sale next week, so watch the Memorial Day page for details!



**Free Museum Admission on Memorial Day
Ticket Information Available Online May 4**

Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony May 31, 10 a.m.

Keep the real meaning of Memorial Day top of mind by joining us here at the museum for our annual Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony. We will remember and pay homage to all of those who sacrificed their lives for our freedoms on our Rooftop Sanctuary.

Our featured speaker will be J.R. Martinez, a U.S. Army Veteran, burn survivor, actor, author and winner of *Dancing with the Stars*. Born in Shreveport, LA, the son of an immigrant mother from El Salvador, he joined the U.S. Army and went through training at Fort Bragg. Martinez became an 11-B infantryman and was assigned to the 502nd Infantry Regiment of the 101st Airborne Division before deploying to Iraq. Just a few months later in April 2003, the Humvee Martinez was driving hit a roadside bomb, and he was burned over 40 percent of his body. Thirty-four surgeries later, his positive attitude is an inspiration as he travels the world sharing words of hope, encouragement and motivation. You won't want to miss his incredible story.



This ceremony will be streamed on Facebook and YouTube for those unable to join us at the museum. Following the ceremony, please continue to remember

our beloved service men and women on social media using
#IWillAlwaysRemember #NVMM #MemorialDay2021.

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