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PRESS RELEASE

Fourth Annual Missouri Vietnam Wall Run 2022

Veterans in Defense of Liberty's® Liberty Riders of America™ Division is hosting the Fourth Annual Missouri Vietnam Wall Run 2022™. This free veteran's motorcycle (and four-wheelers) event on Friday - National POW/MIA Recognition Day - and Saturday, September 16 and 17, will honor America's fallen in Vietnam revered on the "Wall." as well as our POW/MIA's.

During the inaugural 2019 Wall Run Program, Governor Mike Parson presented a proclamation recognizing the Vietnam Wall Run as "The Official Annual Ride of Remembrance in Missouri."

This multi-statewide motorcycle run will ride to the veterans' memorial event and the Veterans' Memorial Wall in Perryville (with the only identical Sister Wall to the Vietnam Memorial Wall in D.C.). A ceremony with featured speakers including Col. John Clark, a six-year Vietnam War P.O.W. in the Hanoi Hilton. The keynote speaker will be Don "Doc" Ballard, the last living

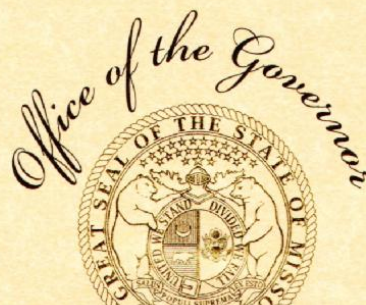
Medal of Honor recipient in Missouri.

"The Saluting Marine," Veteran Staff Sergeant Tim Chambers, USMC will join us again this year as a special guest. SSgt. Chambers is known to the world for standing at attention for hours during the Rolling Thunder event held each Memorial Day weekend in Washington D.C. as a demonstration supporting the need for accountability of America's POW/MIA. Liberty riders of America (L.R.A.), will join with Bikers on the Square for Veterans bike rally on the Perryville town square, which offers incredible free live music, veterans events, food, and vendors. Perryville and Bikers on the Square will turn out for a patriotic welcome to Missouri Vietnam Wall Run on Saturday during an enormous and exciting motorcycle Parade of Honor escorted by eighteen Law Enforcement motorcycles.

Springfield route will meet at Mike's Unique's with kickstands up at 8 a.m. on Friday, September 16. St. Louis route will meet at Off Track Saloon with kickstands up at 10 a.m. on Saturday, September

Rendezvous will be Saturday, September 17 at 11 a.m. at Fredericktown Walmart for all riders who would like to participate in an incredible Parade of Honor to Perryville Veterans Memorial Wall. Everyone is welcome, and participation in this event is free! A full schedule of events is on our Facebook page. For more information, go to www.missourivietnamwallrun.org or the Missouri Vietnam Wall Run Facebook page.

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State of Missouri

Governor's Proclamation

Whereas, Missouri's National Veterans Memorial's mission is to pay tribute to all of our service men and women and their families and provide an environment for peaceful reflection. Jackie Smith said "This is a project for everyone who cares about this country, who cares about the military and who appreciates the sacrifices that have been made. It's up to us to make sure that courage and selflessness like that is not forgotten"; and

Whereas, Missouri's National Veterans Memorial displays the only identical sister wall to the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington D.C, and contains the names of our brave warriors who gave the last full measure of devotion including 1,423 Missourians killed in action, and 35 Missourians remaining as POW/MIA; and

Whereas, Missouri's sons and daughters who freely gave all under their oath and served to free the oppressed are remembered on the Memorial; and

Whereas, Veterans in Defense of Liberty, who is a national organization of veterans headquartered in Missouri, believes that "All American warriors deserve to walk on American soil again; or be buried within it"; and

Whereas, Veterans in Defense of Liberty's Cavalry Division, Liberty Riders of America, ride to uphold these very values represented by the Vietnam Memorial Wall, Missouri's National Veterans Memorial's and the great State of Missouri; and

Whereas, Veterans in Defense of Liberty's and Liberty Riders of America organized and executed the inaugural annual Missouri Vietnam Wall Run 2019; and

Whereas, The Missouri Highway Patrol, Springfield Missouri Police Department, Greene County Missouri Sheriff's Department, Joplin Missouri Police Department, Saint Louis Missouri Police Department, and others law enforcement agencies have provided motorcycle escort for this ride of remembrance where thousands of Missouri citizens line the highway and streets of the ride route to demonstrate with flags, their support and love for America's POW/MIA and fallen warriors; and

Whereas, Major General James E. Livingston USMC (Ret), Medal of Honor recipient out of Vietnam is present with Veterans in Defense of Liberty/Liberty and Liberty Riders of America representing the Vietnam POW/MIA, fallen and veteran; and

Whereas, the inaugural annual Missouri Vietnam Wall Run 2019 is a display of remembrance consisting of riders and participants from all across the great State of Missouri and our nation.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Michael L. Parson, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim the Missouri Vietnam Wall Run 2019 to be

THE OFFICIAL ANNUAL MOTORCYCLE RIDE OF REMEMBRANCE

in Missouri.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 9th day of September, 2019.



Michael L. Parson
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE

"History does not entrust the care of freedom to the weak or timid."

- Dwight D. Eisenhower

Executive Director

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“Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom must, like men, undergo the fatigue of supporting it.” - Thomas Paine



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