

Dear Friends and Patriots;

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**No Greater love hath man... than to lay down his life for a friend.**

UAW Local 2069 Veterans Committee cordially invites you and your guest to attend the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Ride for Freedom Memorial Ceremony.

**Saturday May 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am** the front lawn of the union hall of UAW Local 2069 (across from the Volvo Truck Plant) will be filled with veterans from all eras and many fine patriots from all over the NRV. The Ride for Freedom Ceremony includes posting of the colors, live music, Amazing Grace on bag pipes, taps and 21 gun salutes to those who gave the greatest measure of sacrifice.....their life, for principles of Freedom, God and Country.

Speaking this year will be Retired Major General James Montgomery and Retired Col. Thomas McCarthy. Both had distinguished U.S. Army careers and will have special Memorial Day message to share. The ceremony is as important as the Ride for Freedom, as it's here we get to share with the community our support our military, our veterans and pay homage and reverence for those who gave God's most precious gift, the gift of life.

The Veterans Committee will recognize Memorial Day when we host our 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Ride for Freedom and Run to the Wall. This is our annual ride to our Nations Capital during the Memorial Day weekend. Here we'll host about 200 bikers to participate and join over 500,000 other patriots in the National POW\*MIA Rally Rolling Thunder and pay our respects and remembrance at the sacred grounds of our war memorials. It's a grand and exciting weekend, but not one without honor, reverence and respect to those who laid down their life for the Freedoms we all enjoy here in the greatest country in the world.

Over the many years, we have had the opportunity to share many special memories and bring many fine citizens together to honor our American service men and women who gave their all. We too feel veterans are our greatest citizens and provide us the freedom to assemble on this fine morning, as they do all our freedoms. This responsibility we do not take lightly. We take great pride and are humbled to have another opportunity to share this wonderful morning with the NRV and hope you will also take the moment to experience the UAW Veterans Ride for Freedom.

The 1 hour Ceremony rain or shine, inside or out, will be on **Saturday May 24, at 8 am sharp**. We'll depart toward our nation's capital at 9:30 sharp.

Please mark your calendars, listen for our PSA on the local radio stations and look for press releases in the local papers.

Best Wishes.

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Chairman  
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