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# News Release

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Today, VA announced that its National Cemetery Administration (NCA) is partnering with Carry the Load a nonprofit organization that provides active ways to connect Americans to the sacrifices made daily by the U.S. military, Veterans, first responders and their families.

NCA will participate in Carry The Load's Memorial May awareness campaign, which covers 40 states, leading up to Memorial Day 2019.

Participants will march or ride bicycles in an 11,500-mile national relay along three routes — East Coast, West Coast and Midwest — handing off an American flag every few miles. Each participant walks or rides to "carry the load" for a deceased military service member or Veteran, remembering them and honoring their sacrifice. Twenty-six VA national cemeteries in 17 states will serve as relay points for Carry The Load memorial marches.

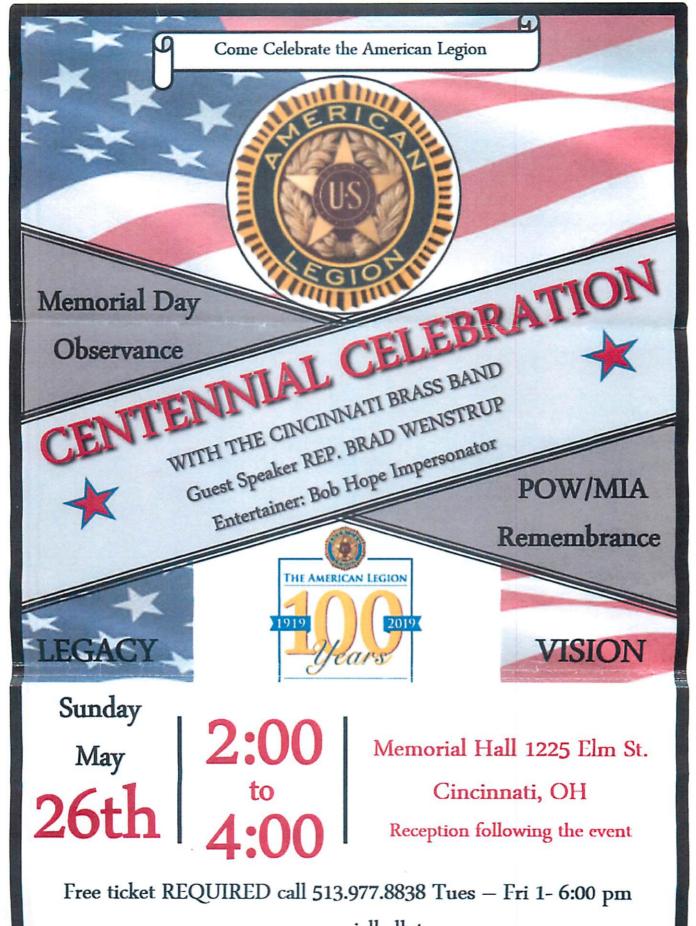
"The VA is delighted to partner with Carry The Load in this important initiative of honoring those who sacrificed for our freedom to ensure no Veteran ever dies," said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. "It's a mindset that every one of VA's employees emulates. And nowhere is the sacrifice made by our Veterans more evident than in our national cemeteries."

In conjunction with the Carry The Load national relay, each VA national cemetery along the three routes will host a brief ceremony unveiling a commemorative plaque dedicated to America's fallen Veterans and their families. To view the list of the 26 participating VA national cemeteries and the dates and times they will host the Carry The Load relay and "Tribute to the Fallen and Their Families" plaque dedication ceremonies, download the calendar.

VA operates 136 national cemeteries and 33 soldiers' lots and monument sites in 40 states and Puerto Rico.

For Veterans not buried in a VA national cemetery, VA provides headstones, markers or medallions to commemorate their service. Information on VA burial benefits is available from local VA national cemetery offices, online at https://www.va.gov/burials-memorials/ or by calling VA regional offices toll-free at 800-827-1000.

To make burial arrangements at any open VA national cemetery at the time of need, call the National Cemetery Scheduling Office at 800-535-1117.



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### Volunteer Ambassadors Needed! The Wall That Heals is staffed by teams of volunteers 24 hours a day. Please join us as a volunteer to assist visitors in finding names on The Wall and answer

questions, All are encouraged to volunteer. Training given before each shift.



Thursday, July 18th to Sunday, July 21st until 3 PM

River Valley High School 4280 Marion Mount Gilead Rd.

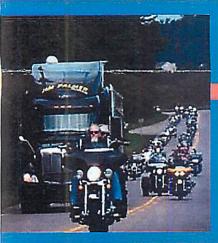
The Wall That Heals is a 375- foot, three-quarter scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial located in Washington, D.C. bearing the names of the more than 58,000 men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in Vietnam. The Wall That Heals honors the more than three million Americans who served in the U.S. Armed Forces in the Vietnam War.

For more information about The Wall That Heals, visit vvmf.org/twth

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Be part of the Site Build Wednesday, July 17th



Motorcycle Escort from Upper Sandusky to River Valley High School - Tuesday, July 16th

> **Opening Ceremony** July 18th 10:30 AM Remembrance Ceremony July 20th 2:30 PM **Closing Ceremony** July 21st 2:30 PM

Youth Day Saturday,

July 20th



#### Only stop in Ohio for 2019

To Volunteer or for general information, contact: Daniel Bradshaw or Tanya Baughman at Marion Community Credit Union 300 Barks Rd. E. Marion, Ohio Marketing@marionccu.com or 740-262-4933

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