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## AVM TEN YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATES HISTORY, SERVICE & DONORS

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**NEW JERSEY** – On May 25, 2017 the All Veterans Memorial organizers will both celebrate a decade of planning, fundraising and developing one of New Jersey’s most notable veteran’s memorials, while dedicating four new monuments being added to the complex. American Exceptionalism has been adopted by the AVM Board of Directors to be this year’s motto, which they believe purports to represent the very ideals that the AVM was built on. The ceremony and dedication is expected to reflect the many battles and victories throughout American history.

Honorary hosts of the event will be decorated WWII veteran, dog trainer, American author and award winning photojournalist William (Bill) Wynne, who will be joined by Veterans of Foreign War Post 8096 New Jersey’s American Legion Post #154. The American Exceptionalism program is scheduled to run three or four consecutive evenings, beginning on May 25<sup>th</sup> at approximately 6:30 p.m. “We are expecting the program will be quite remarkable” Charlie Uhrmann, AVM Originator said. “We are in the process of writing the scripts for mini Broadway- like performances that will highlight the core significance of each element.”

The seven notable elements that will be featured during the show are the AVM main ceremonial complex, the Path to Enduring Freedom, the North Star Seating area, the War Dog Memorial, the MIA Cenotaph, Freedom Wall and the Veterans Reflection Encampment. A formal dedication of the cenotaph, monument walls and encampment is slated for the first production, along with an awards presentation for all major donors throughout the years. “This event is a perfect time to acknowledge and thank our major sponsors. Had it not been for them, Mount Olive would not have this amazing place for our veterans, their families and our community” Uhrmann explained.

Honorary guest SAVE THE DATE cards have been sent to NJ’s ( 295 ) American Legions, VFWs and Vietnam Veteran organizations. Depending on the response, the first two evenings will be reserved for veteran organizations, sponsors, and several distinguished guests. The third evening, the honorary guest list will include the N.J. Gold Star Mothers, the families of fallen warriors, the Patriot Guard, and the general public.

The AVM production team have several volunteer opportunities available and are reaching out to interested high school students who would like the to be a part of an historical event. Volunteers will be automatically registered with the AVM’s Patriot Award, President’s Volunteer Service Award and the Point of Light program; all of which promotes volunteerism and outreach on a local level. The participant’s commitment will earn them all the awards which can be used as a helpful aide when applying for acceptance into college(s) or a new job. “We had 7 Mount Olive High School students receive the awards in 2010 and we are very proud that 100% of those students were accepted to the colleges of their choice” Uhrmann added.

Volunteer positions available are listed on the AVM website under special events. The positing will be updated regularly. Anyone interested in participating in the program or volunteering their time and/or talent may email the AVM at info@allveteransmemorial.org or call Charlie Uhrmann directly at 908.684.0057.