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Will Ever Be Forgotten.”*

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**Veterans National Memorial Shrine & Museum
Hosting “Watch Fire” May 27th & 28th 2022**

Fort Wayne, IN May 20th The Veterans National Memorial Shrine & Museum in Fort Wayne has announced a “Watch Fire” event on Friday May 27th and Saturday May 28th at 2122 O’Day Road. The event starts at 6pm on Friday and runs for a 24 hour period until 6pm Saturday evening.

This will be the 34th Watch Fire at the local memorial. It is held each May, the Friday before Memorial Weekend, to honor fallen heroes. Logs are put on the fire to honor all veterans who served for our freedom and died. They all answered the call and their services to our country are remembered at this event.

“Watch Fires” date back as far as 1735 as General George Washington used “Watch Fires” to alert his troops of enemy positions. “Watch Fires” were used during the Revolutionary War 1775-1783 to alert lost or wounded troops on where to find medical help and friendly shelter from the enemy.

Dave McCullough, organizer of the event, says, “ this annual event is very popular with veterans of all wars. Family members may have a soldier’s name read at the dedication” by submitting their veteran’s name to our website honoringforever.org before Friday May 20th ...or by coming out in person and reading a name in their honor at the ceremony.

The Watch Fire will start promptly at 6pm and logs remembering veterans will be placed at the ceremonial fire ring for a full 24 hour period, until 6 pm the next day. Veterans and their families are encouraged to come out and pay tribute to a fallen hero. The public is always welcome to attend.

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