

In place of traditional Memorial Day commemorations, *Remembering Together Pittsburgh* invites all Pittsburgh-area communities, organizations, businesses, and individuals to join together in a region-wide virtual event on <u>Monday, May 25, from 10:00am to 12:00pm, at</u> <u>Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall & Museum.</u> The event will honor those who died in service to our country while also highlighting the sacrifices of our local neighborhoods and municipalities.

Remembering Together Pittsburgh is a partnership of all participating groups, including Allegheny County, the City of Pittsburgh, Soldiers & Sailors, Gold Star Mothers Spouses, the Veterans Breakfast Club, and other organizations.

The two-hour virtual Memorial Day event will be streamed across platforms and made available to local television channels. It will begin with a live ceremony at Soldiers & Sailors and then transition to pre-recorded remarks and tributes, as well as photographs, submitted by citizens throughout Western Pennsylvania.

We call upon individuals, municipalities, and community and veteran organizations to partner with us in two ways:

- Submit brief video tributes and photographs to include in the pre-recorded segment of the broadcast. Photos of the Fallen and of local war and veterans memorials are especially welcome, as are videos from individuals, families, communities, and groups paying tribute to those who should be remembered and honored on Memorial Day. Photos, videos, and accompanying information can be submitted here: <u>http://rememberingtogetherpgh.org</u> **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS MAY 15**
- Sponsor and donate: the cost to produce the event for livestreaming and television broadcast is almost \$15,000. *Individuals and groups* may donate. *Communities* may contribute portions of the funds they would have spent on local face-to-face parades and ceremonies. *Companies* may sponsor and be recognized and thanked for supporting this event. Contributions made be made directly at <u>http://rememberingtogetherpgh.org</u>. Donors will receive a thank you, a receipt, and program acknowledgement for their tax-deductible charitable donation. Sponsors can contact Todd DePastino below.

Please contact Todd DePastino, Executive Director of the VBC, at todd@veteransbreakfastclub.com or 412-623-9029, with any questions.

The VBC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit that has been holding live face-to-face veteran storytelling events, all open to the public, since 2008. They come to listen and to learn, to share and to heal, and to say thank you to those who've served. VBC@HOME Live! is a virtual storytelling event held every Monday at 7:00pm and Wednesday at 1:00pm. See http://vbcpgh.org/