

PHILADELPHIA VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL SOCIETY

19th Annual Philadelphia Vietnam Memorial Race scheduled for May 22nd at 9:00 a.m.

Sponsored by the Philadelphia Vietnam Veterans Memorial Society, the annual run benefits the surviving families of the Vietnam – and more recent conflicts – and the kids at St. Chris' Hospital for Children.

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When we arrived home after the Vietnam War, we resolved to ensure that we NEVER FORGET our fallen comrades. As a result of that commitment, memorials were built and are visited often.

Another result: The annual "Philadelphia Vietnam Memorial Run", held on the Sunday prior to the official Memorial Day weekend, has been set aside to acknowledge the commitment of **all** soldiers, from Iwo Jima to Baghdad, who pledged their allegiance, and especially the Philadelphians who have made the "ultimate sacrifice". Proceeds from the Run assist St. Christopher's Hospital for Children in their funding crisis to specifically assist kids from the most impoverished areas suffering from leukemia, cancer, sickle-cell and other blood disorders. A scholarship fund was also set up to assist veterans' children in need of tuition assistance.

This year, our 19th, will again honor all who have served our country. In particular, we'll call attention to Sgt. Bryan Freeman, of the 404th Civil Affairs Battalion, who – like so many – gave their all to protect the rest of us.

The Philadelphia Vietnam Memorial Run will take place on Sunday, May 22nd, with a 9:00 am start time. Registration will begin at 7:30 am. The location will be the Vietnam Memorial at Columbus Blvd. and Spruce St. in Philadelphia. Over 1000 runners and walkers are anticipated. The First City Troop will provide the honor guard.

This event is a Philadelphia signature 10K race and there could not be a better time or place for all Philadelphians to acknowledge "*service above self*".

