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20th Annual Philadelphia Vietnam Memorial Race
Sunday May 21, 2006 8:00 a.m.

Sponsored by the Philadelphia Vietnam Veterans Memorial Society, the annual run provides scholarships for surviving families of the soldiers of recent conflicts and benefits St. Christopher's Hospital for Children and the Breast Cancer Foundation.

WHAT: 20TH Annual 10-K Philadelphia Vietnam Veterans Memorial Race
WHEN: SUNDAY May 21, 2006 8am
WHERE: Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Columbus Blvd. and Spruce St.
WHO: 500 pre-registered runners; 500 more expected

Philadelphia, PA, May 21, 2006:

We Will Never Forget ...

These are the words that embody the essence of the Vietnam Vet. They also describe the reason for the Memorial Run sponsored by the Philadelphia Vietnam Veteran Memorial Society: to honor the memory of all who have served our country, from colonial origins to today's soldiers deployed throughout the world.

This year's celebration – the group's 20th such event – takes place on Sunday, May 21, 2006. The 10K and 5K Runs and the 3 Mile Walk begin at 9am sharp at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Columbus Blvd at Spruce Street, Philadelphia.

8:15AM PRESENTATION OF COLORS
 NATIONAL ANTHEM

8:30AM OPENING REMARKS BY PHILADELPHIA D.A. LYNNE ABRAHAM
 DEDICATION CEREMONY

The dedication ceremony, at 8:30 am, carries the most significance. At this time, fellow soldiers and our neighbors from the 111th Army National Guard Unit who were killed in action in Iraq during the last year will be recognized for their “service above self”.

9AM--- RACE BEGINS—5k, 10k and 3-mile walk

Please join us in honoring their memory and celebrating our soldiers' and veterans' commitment to country, while supporting St. Christopher's Hospital for Children and the Breast Cancer Foundation. Veterans from WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Bosnia, and the Middle East will salute the “Birthplace of America!”

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