

# RUN FOR THE WALL 2014

May 9, 2014

Dear Knox County, Sevier County, Jefferson County, Cocke County and Greene County:

On Monday, May 19, 20 and 21, 2014 two groups of military veteran motorcycle enthusiasts called Run For The Wall (RFTW) [www.rftw.org](http://www.rftw.org) will be making their way through the great State of Tennessee. This run was started in 1989 (26years ago) by two veterans that starts in California and ends in Washington, D.C. on Memorial Day. Their Mission is *"to promote healing among ALL veterans and their families and friends, to call for an accounting of all Prisoners of War and those Missing in Action (POW/MIA), to honor the memory of those Killed Action (KIA) from all wars, and to support our military personnel all over the world."* This is the only group of motorcycle riders that are allowed to ride into Arlington Cemetery.

\*The Midway Route will travel, on **Monday, May 19**, I-40 from the west Tennessee with an overnight stop in Cookeville, Exit 287 and on **Tuesday, May 20**, perform a wreath laying ceremony at the East Tennessee Veterans Memorial with lunch, in Knoxville, gas stop at Exit 398, Strawberry Plains Pilot Station and east on I-40 to Exit 447, Citgo Station and onto North Carolina.

May 19: ETA into Cookeville 4:35pm

May 20: ETD from Cookeville 8:45am (local time);

ETA into Knoxville 11:15am departing at 12:55pm

ETA Strawberry Plains for gas at 1:10pm (Pilot station) departing 1:50pm

ETA Citgo Station for gas Exit 447 at 2:45pm departing 3:30pm

\*The Southern Route will travel **Tuesday, May 20, 2014**, I-75N with an overnight stop in Chattanooga, Exit 7B. On **Wednesday May 21, 2014**, they will continue north on I-75 and connect with I-40 east with a gas stop at Exit 369 TA Truck Stop and continue north to I-81, gas stop at Exit 36, Greeneville and north into Virginia.

May 20: ETA into Chattanooga 6:45pm

May 21: ETD from Chattanooga 8:30am; ETA Exit 369 Knoxville gas stop TA Truck Stop 9:55am; ETD is 10:45am

ETA into Greeneville Exit 36 is 12:25pm: ETA is 1:10pm

As Assistant Tennessee State Coordinator for the RFTW (Midway Route), I am asking for your support during this most awesome and honorable event through our great state.

Your support can be given in numerous ways. Certainly, at minimum, would be to gather your friends, family, co-workers and be on those streets and overpasses with flags and banners and salute your fellow comrades onwards. Other ways of support/sponsorship can be given through monetary donations and/or items for raffle. Your monetary donations will go directly to the Run by the way of funding gas stops, meals, water/hydration, snacks, etc.

You can forward your contributions to the address above and/or contact me at 865-774-7570 for additional information. Please make all non-cash donations payable to Run ForThe Wall. Please specify which route, Midway or Southern, you wish your contribution to go to.

Very truly yours,

Carol Baxter, RFTW Assistant Tenn. State Coordinator

Enclosures

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