



Iwo Jima Memorial Historical Foundation, Inc.

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Dear Friend,

My name is Gary Roy and I am writing to you as President of the Iwo Jima Memorial Historical Foundation, Inc. and chairman of the 4th Annual *Iwo Jima Survivors Victory Ride*. We are seeking sponsors to support our mission and efforts to recognize and thank our brave veterans of America's "Greatest Generation". To accomplish this, we have added OPERATION THANK YOU as part of this year's ride. All proceeds raised will go toward maintenance of the National Iwo Jima Memorial and Park and to support OPERATION THANK YOU. The purpose of OPERATION THANK YOU is to officially and properly recognize the service, sacrifices and accomplishments made by all World War II veterans who are invited to attend free for the day and will be honored and thanked throughout this special event.

The purpose of the Iwo Jima Memorial Historical Foundation, Inc. is to carry on the mission started by the Iwo Jima Survivors Association. Our Mission is to maintain the National Iwo Jima Memorial Monument and park, perpetuate and honor the memory of American servicemen who fought and died there and to educate others about the WWII Battle of Iwo Jima. The memorial is unique because it is the ONLY Iwo Jima monument built by survivors of the battle and honors their comrades who died there. The monument contains actual sand from the beaches of Iwo Jima, rocks from Mt. Suribachi and flies a historically correct 48-star flag. The park also includes an Eternal Flame which burns 24/7 in honor of all those who fought in World War II.

Ownership of the memorial and park was transferred from the Iwo Jima Survivors to the Foundation which is now responsible for its upkeep and maintenance. This event is one of our major fundraising efforts undertaken to raise much needed funds to keep the park operating and continue to present our programs to the public to educate and honor and remember all our veterans. The most important remaining goal of Iwo Jima Survivors is to ensuring the perpetual care of the National Iwo Jima Memorial which they dedicated themselves to building.

We would be so grateful if you would consider joining us in our mission by becoming a sponsor of the Iwo Jima Survivors Victory Ride and OPERATION THANK YOU. There are many ways you can help. We are seeking sponsors to provide funds, supplies, goods and services or raffle prizes. Enclosed is our sponsorship information and application forms. We ask that you please take the time to look over them.

The 4th Annual Iwo Jima Survivors Victory Ride will be held on Sunday, May 19, 2013, rain or shine. The poker run will begin at the VFW on Veterans Drive in New Britain. Riders and World War II Veterans will meet at the National Iwo Jima Memorial Monument for a ceremony to remember and honor the veterans of OPERATION THANK YOU. We will all meet back at the VFW where a cookout will be held as well as entertainment, raffles and awards. We also invite you to attend this event which will include motorcyclists, cars and walk-in participants.

The Iwo Jima Memorial Historical Foundation is an all volunteer, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization and donations are tax-deductible (EIN #06-1456683). More information about the park can be found by going to the Iwo Jima Survivors website at www.SOSIwoJima.com and Face Book page.

Thank you very much and we hope to hear back from you!

Sincerely,

Gary A. Roy
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