

WWII, Korea and Veterans through 1966 & 'Rosie-The-Riveters' Rolling to Washington DC May 22-25, 2022

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January 14, 2022: For Immediate Public Release: <u>The VetsRoll 2022 TRIP IS CANCELED!</u>

It is with the absolute heaviest of hearts that we announce our VetsRoll Board of Directors has unanimously voted to cancel our upcoming May 22-25 VetsRoll trip to Dayton, OH and Washington, D.C.

Our Board of Directors and Medical Team (comprised of more than thirty-five first responder and medical professionals) have worked with and closely monitored, COVID-19 and Omicron protocol developments from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the World Health Organization (WHO). Based on the available information, it is ill-advised to proceed with further plans for this year's trip. Bottom line, we have weighed the risks and we will not subject our seniors and volunteers to the current level of risk posed by COVID-19.

We are encouraged by the availability of vaccines; however, we are not out-of-the-woods yet. Many factors were considered in our decision. Our trip involves a group of people at considerable risk for serious illness from COVID-19. There are currently too many unknowns. In May, our medical personnel may not be able to get time off from work; quarantines are still very possible; hospital rooms may not be available; venue and hotel COVID policies may be untenable; connecting flights may not be possible and supplies may not be available by trip time. **Regrettably, to cancel now and plan for 2023 is the right thing to do!**

<u>Now begins the daunting task</u> of contacting our partner restaurants, hotels and bus company; the National Parks Service; police, fire and motorcycle units; suppliers and partners, etc. All perform vital roles in the pairing of hundreds of elderly Veterans from across America with the thousands of meals and hundreds of hotel rooms at various venues and the incredible coordination of ten charter coaches escorted by police, fire, DOT, motorcycle and helicopters through seven States and Washington, DC and so much more.

While this news is very disappointing, please understand the Board of Directors was incredibly disheartened to have to make this decision. VetsRoll built our reputation upon performing with an unequalled level of competence, care and planning. We take immense pride in those measures and in the opportunities we provide for our honored guests with a safe, comfortable and unforgettable experience.

Our heroes are the most at-risk from this virus and we take that responsibility <u>VERY</u> seriously!

We will not subject anyone's life to the current level of risk due to COVID-19, to simply say we pursued our mission! Our seniors and our volunteers mean more to us than our pride in completing another trip.

Pray for our Veterans, 'Rosies' and assistants to still be able to travel with us for VetsRoll 2023, on May 21-24, 2023. Sadly, we realize this may not be the case for all, making this decision all the more difficult.

PLEASE check our social media pages for updates and God Bless our heroes!!

On behalf of our Board of Directors, thank you for your past and continued support of our program!

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