

# Community **EVENTS**

## Rolling Thunder Ride for Freedom



This year marked the 24<sup>th</sup> Rolling Thunder Ride for freedom. The ride ended at the Memorial with a touching ceremony ensuring that those still considered POWs and those missing in action are remembered.

## New Jersey Run for the Fallen

Each September, NJ Run for the Fallen ends their three day run at the New Jersey Gold Star Family Monument on our campus. In an apolitical reflection of remembrance, a team of military runners from Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehursts and other locations across the U.S. come together to embark on a 190+ mile journey from Cape May to Holmdel, to honor every New Jersey service member killed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, Operation New Dawn, and other conflicts. Each mile is dedicated to a fallen NJ Hero and their Gold Star Family with the goal of creating a 190+ memorial trail through New Jersey.



## Wreaths Across America

In December we were once again honored by a visit from the Wreaths Across America Caravan. During a ceremony that honored New Jersey's Gold Star Families and the 1,563 memorialized on our Wall, the organization made sure that these individuals and their families will not be forgotten. During the ceremony, 366 wreaths were laid at our Memorial, one for each panel of the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial.

