

Community **EVENTS**

Rolling Thunder Ride for Freedom



Rolling Thunder motorcycles lined up outside the Museum during the annual Ride for Freedom

This year marked the 23rd 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. David Cichon also spoke about his father Walter Cichon, one of those honored on our Wall.



NJ Run for the Fallen

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 site. In an apolitical reflection of remembrance, a team of military runners from Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst and other locations across the US 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+ mile memorial trail through New Jersey.

Wreaths Across America

In December we were once again honored by a visit from the Wreaths Across America Caravan on December 13th. During a ceremony that honored nineteen 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, a first for Wreaths Across America.



Gold Star family members, Wreaths Across America



366 wreaths line the Memorial Wall during Wreaths Across America