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The Patriots Race on September 11, 2016 to benefit Michigan Wounded & Returning Warriors Project followed by Unveiling of One-of-a-Kind War on Terror Memorial

*Troy-based White Chapel Memorial Park Cemetery
seeks participants for inaugural 5k timed race and 1M run/walk and audience
for War on Terror Memorial Service and Memorial unveiling*

TROY, Mich. – **White Chapel Memorial Park Cemetery**, long known for its on-site events to honor U.S. veterans, is hosting a 5k running/walking event at its location in Troy on Sunday, September 11, 2016 to benefit the **Michigan Wounded & Returning Warriors Project**, a 501(C)3, American Legion member organization supporting veterans. The inaugural race at White Chapel is called ***Help Our Heroes' 5k Patriots Race***.

The Patriots Race will begin at 9 a.m. with a 5k timed race followed by a 1M run/walk at 9:30 a.m.

The War on Terror Memorial Service and War on Terror Memorial Unveiling will begin at 11:15 a.m. following the conclusion of The Patriots Race.

“We’ve been hosting events to honor veterans for decades,” said **David R. Krall**, White Chapel Vice President. “We felt a 5k race to benefit veterans would be ideal since people often walk or run along our road-ways within our 210-acre park-like setting. In fact, race experts believe the White Chapel Patriots Race 5k course may be the flattest and fastest in southeast Michigan.”

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Other highlights include:

- 400 American flags will line the flat, fast race course;
- Gold, silver and bronze commemorative Dog Tags will be awarded to top race finishers;
- T-shirts with the Patriots ribbon logo;
- Participation Medal Dog Tags will go to each participant;
- Prizes will be awarded for the most patriotic attire;
- Special children's activities;
- Gold sponsors of the Race include: Comerica Bank, C&G Newspapers and The Life Chest.

“We encourage families, veterans and the community to help us support the Michigan Wounded & Returning Warriors Project,” he said. “We also want to thank some of our Gold Sponsors for their sponsorship of the race, Comerica Bank, C&G Newspapers and the Life Chest.”

Early discounted registration is available online at www.ThePatriotsRace.com along with details on the course, sponsorships, volunteering, and more.

Following the race, White Chapel will unveil its one-of-a-kind War on Terror Memorial to honor the heroic service and sacrifice of our U.S. Servicemen and Servicewomen who have fought and died in the Global War on Terror. The unveiling of the Memorial and Memorial Service is free and open to the public, added Krall.

White Chapel Memorial Park Cemetery (www.whitechapelcemetery.com) is located at 621 W. Long Lake Rd. (west of I-75) in Troy.

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