

ANNUAL MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT MOTORCADE

Wednesday, April 9, 2014 - Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport to Gainesville, TX
MANDATORY Briefing at 3:10 PM ~~~ Kickstands Up between 3:30 and 4:00 PM

Staging begins at 2:15 PM in the parking lot at 2870 E. 14th Street, Irving, TX (DIRECTIONS BELOW).

Mandatory safety and information briefing is at **3:10 PM**. The Motorcade Road Captain again this year is Randy Roberts.

Participants will be provided free food and beverages and a private Meet & Greet with the Medal of Honor recipients on arrival in Gainesville – all courtesy of the Gainesville VFW and the Gainesville Outlet Mall. Merchandise will be available for purchase. ***ENHANCED AND EXTENDED TIME WITH THE RECIPIENTS THIS YEAR FOR PHOTOS AND AUTOGRAPHS!!***

Law Enforcement, Fire Departments and other public service agencies from all over North Texas will be participating, many on their off-duty time, to honor these heroes. Spectators are encouraged to stand along the roadways and wave. U.S. flags are encouraged!

Don't miss this opportunity to meet and honor these recipients of our nation's highest award for action and bravery above and beyond the call of duty in the face of the enemy. Most people never get to meet one Medal of Honor recipient. There may be as many as 25 present in Gainesville this year. There are only 76 living Medal of Honor recipients. This is truly a special event.

The staging area is the same as last year. The street address is 2870 East 14th Street, Irving, TX 75063. This is a parking lot near the intersection of Highway 114 and Freepoint Parkway, just East of DFW International Airport.

The ride and staging area are **ALCOHOL/DRUG/WEAPON FREE**. There will be no tolerance for alcohol/drug possession or consumption at the staging area and no person believed to be intoxicated/impaired in any way will be allowed to participate. Violators are subject to arrest and having their vehicles towed. This is an educational facility parking lot and all applicable laws are in force.

From Highway 114 exit Freepoint Parkway and go North 1 block to the Royal Lane traffic light. Turn left on Royal Lane and go one block to 14th Street. Turn left on 14th Street and enter the large parking lot on the left in the middle of the block. There is a Shell station/Whataburger at the Freepoint Parkway exit of Hwy 114. Please make sure you have a **full tank of gas** when you arrive to stage. It's about 67 miles to Gainesville.



This is intended to be a motorcycle motorcade but if you have a specialty or specially decorated vehicle you may be allowed to participate. If your ride has been in this motorcade in the past, you'll be good to go again. **Randy Roberts** will make the final determination.

The motorcade will again be fully escorted by Law Enforcement personnel and the roadways we will be using will be **closed** to other traffic. We will use Highway 114 W-bound and I-35W as in the past. Once we start there will be no stops until we get to Gainesville. For safety reasons there will be no joining the motorcade enroute and no leaving the motorcade except in case of emergency or breakdown.

Motorcade and Meet & Greet contacts are:

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Please direct **ALL** questions or requests for information to either Randy or Steve and not the MOH Host City Program or City of Gainesville.

