

‘Rolling to Remember’ Ride Honors Veterans, Brings Fresh Air to Washington, D.C.

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Reeling from months of darkness, hate and despicable behavior by antifa, Black Lives Matter and others who turned the city into a boarded-up crime zone, the rush of motorcycle engines brought a breath of fresh air to stifling Washington, D.C. on Sunday, May 30, beginning at noon.

Rolling to Remember, which replaced the previous Rolling Thunder motorcycle event, was sponsored by AMVETS and brought an estimated group of 50,000 motorcycle riders, nearly all veterans and their families, to clear the air from the anti-American, anti-Christian, anti-Israel rally that took place the previous day, with Washingtonians cheering them on.

From salutes to words of greeting to spontaneous outbreaks of former President Trump’s favored “YMCA” to “The Star Spangled Banner” and “God Bless America,” the ride reflected the true spirit of America.

For the first time in history, the traditional permit for the ride to begin at the Pentagon was refused, so this year’s ride began instead at RFK Stadium in Northeast Washington.

“We came from Virginia,” said Pete, who preferred to use his first name only, speaking for himself and his girlfriend. “We come each year to show our patriotism, our love for America and most of all to remind America that 86,177 heroes have still not come home.”

Rolling Thunder, held annually for 32 years, began in 1987 when Vietnam Veteran Ray Manzo was troubled about the stories of those left behind and the plight of retiring veterans. Manzo organized the first ride into Washington, naming it after the sound of thousands of motorcycles rolling into the nation's capital. After being canceled last year due to COVID-19, the ride was reinvented this year to include an emphasis on the more than 6,000 veterans who commit suicide each year.

Bestselling author of upcoming release *God and Cancel Culture* Stephen Strang remembers the post-Vietnam days that gave birth to Rolling Thunder: "I came of age during the radical anti-Vietnam War era in the late '60s. I remember the riots at the 1968 Democratic convention when radicals tried to take over the party. We saw the same sort of street violence over the Vietnam War that we see today."

On a clear Memorial Day weekend, 50,00 strong joined with others to honor America's war heroes on their day from the nation's capital. {eo}

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