

March of Honor

Join us for a 1-mile, 5-mile, or 10-mile Ruck March—a powerful challenge rooted in military tradition, community service, and honoring those who served.

A ruck march is simple in concept and tough in execution: walk while carrying a weighted backpack. But this event is about far more than distance or weight. Every step you take is taken in memory or in honor of a Veteran. Each participant will march for a specific Veteran—someone who served and matters to you. Your race bib will include space to write their name, which you'll carry on your ruck throughout the march, symbolically walking in their place. You may march as an individual or as a team honoring one person together.

Participants may weight their backpacks however they choose, but we encourage using donated items for the homeless, including:

- Hygiene supplies
- Ready-to-eat foods
- Sunscreen & bug spray
- Gatorade or electrolyte drinks
- Basic first-aid items

At the finish line, rucks are unpacked and items are sorted and packed for community distribution, with plans to support a Stand Down event in June. Your effort directly turns into impact.

This event blends Physical challenge, Camaraderie and teamwork, Service to the community and Honoring our Veterans. It's meant to push you, bond you with others, and remind you why discomfort can be meaningful.

The course includes 4 rest stops plus the finish line, each staffed by sponsors or volunteers providing:

- Refreshments and hydration
- Shade and basic first aid
- Encouragement, motivation, and physical challenges to keep the energy high

Support Levels & Participant Rewards

Choose the level that matches how far you want to push yourself—and how deeply you want your miles to matter. All distances (1, 5, or 10 miles) are available at every support level. Rewards are based on impact, not speed.

★ \$35 – Honor Rucker

- Impact: Provides essential support such as a birth certificate or bus pass, critical first steps toward employment and stability
- Reward: Commemorative finisher medal

 **\$75 – Service Rucker**

- **Impact:** Funds one night in a motel for a homeless Veteran, offering safety, rest, and dignity
- **Reward:** Finisher medal + event T-shirt

 **\$125 – Endurance Rucker**

- **Impact:** Covers a utility deposit, helping a Veteran transition into stable housing
- **Reward:** Finisher medal + event T-shirt + branded tumbler

 **\$250 – Legacy Rucker**

- **Impact:** Stocks a full pantry for a Veteran moving into housing, ensuring food security during a critical transition
- **Reward:** Finisher medal + event hoodie

 **\$500 – Mission Rucker**

- **Impact:** Provides an apartment security deposit for a homeless Veteran, removing one of the biggest barriers to permanent housing
- **Reward:** Finisher medal + event hoodie + branded tumbler

When you shoulder a weighted pack and put one foot in front of the other, you're doing more than completing a march—you're walking in someone else's boots.

For a Veteran experiencing homelessness, stability isn't a single moment—it's a series of hard steps. A bus pass. A night indoors. Utilities turned on. A stocked pantry. A key to an apartment. These are the steps your miles help provide. This march is uncomfortable by design. It's meant to be hard. Because for many Veterans, the road back to stability is harder.

Choose your distance. Choose your impact. Write their name. Then march—step by step—in their honor and toward their next home.

[Trophies would be offered for 1st and second place in 5 mile and 10 mile, most weight carried, largest team, and most money raised. As they turn in money raised, we would order their prizes. Looking for a way to reuse the medals from last year.]