

April 9 National Commemoration Day of 5th Anniversary of Fall of Bagdad

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The Veterans of Foreign Wars encourages all Americans to join the nation in a moment of national reflection April 9 in remembrance of the 5th anniversary of Iraqi Liberation Day and the fall of Bagdad.

At 5 p.m. EDS--as the sun sets across Arlington National Cemetery--Americans are urged to honk their car horns to celebrate, honor and recognize the courageous actions of U.S. and multinational forces in giving hope to the Iraqi people.

The National Remembrance Ceremony will culminate with a joint U.S-Iraqi wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery to honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, as well as salute the nation's troops, veterans and military families.

The national remembrance moment is being initiated by Families United for Our Troops and Their Mission, a not-for-profit 501(c)3 grassroots coalition of Gold Star and Blue Star families, veterans and Americans, who share a deep appreciation and support for the uniformed services men and women in their efforts to make America safer.

Collectively the group's mission is ensuring that the sacrifices of courageous warriors have not been made in vain, and that the heroic soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines who have been charged with such a vital mission will be given the support they need to complete their mission.

Note: In early 2006, the VFW passed Resolution 440 to support the president and the war in Iraq as part of the larger global war on terrorism. VFW Resolution 440 also stipulates that American forces should remain in Iraq in sufficient numbers until Iraqi forces can provide security for their own nation. The out of session move by America's largest organization of combat veterans to support the war is meant to get the nation refocused on supporting the troops instead of armchair quarterbacking the how and why the war in Iraq began. To read Resolution 440, [click here](#).

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