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## **MANCHIN TO JOIN INAUGURAL MOTORCYCLE RIDE FOR FALLEN SERVICE HEROES**

### ***Event to honor the WV National Guard Foundation and the families of fallen service members***

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (D-W.Va.) will serve as the Special Guest Road Captain for the 2015 Ride for Fallen Service Heroes on Flag Day, Sunday, June 14. This inaugural ride is sponsored by the Harley Owners Group (HOG) Capitol City WV Chapter #5439 and benefits the West Virginia National Guard Foundation and the families of fallen West Virginia service members.

“Like all West Virginians, I feel a special surge of emotion every time I see the American flag,” Senator Manchin said. “I am so eager to participate in this ride to honor our West Virginia National Guard and the families of fallen service members. Every day, schoolchildren, Scouts, Veterans – in fact, Americans all across this great land – pledge their allegiance to the Stars and Stripes. But one day a year, we pay special honor to our flag. This year, I am excited to celebrate Flag Day while honoring our nation’s heroes with this special ride.”

**The round-trip motorcycle ride will travel from Charleston to Fayetteville, and return to Charleston. A complete schedule is below:**

Registration at Harley-Davidson of WV, South Charleston	9 a.m. to 10 a.m.
Group Ride to Fayetteville	10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Lunch on your own at Smokey’s on the Gorge	12 p.m. to 2 p.m.
Group Ride to WV National Guard Armory	2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Free Public Picnic at WV National Guard Armory	3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The West Virginia National Guard and the Vietnam Veterans of America are sponsoring the evening picnic for supporters and fellow service members. The riders are expected to arrive at the picnic by 4 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend and honor our military heroes. There will be free entertainment and food as well as ample recreational activities for children, including inflatable houses and a climbing wall.

For more information about the 2015 Ride for Fallen Service Heroes or how you can volunteer or register, please contact: Harley-Davidson of WV, 4924 MacCorkle Ave., South Charleston, WV 25309 or call 304-768-1600 and ask to speak with Misti or David or visit [www.facebook.com/rideforfallenserviceheroes](http://www.facebook.com/rideforfallenserviceheroes).

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