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Navy '83 Ride Across America Cyclists to Take Sole Full Day Off at the National Museum of Military Vehicles on September 7

Dubois, WY (August 30, 2023) – The Navy '83 Ride Across America, a remarkable cross-country cycling endeavor undertaken by dedicated members of the Naval Academy Class of '83 Alumni, is set to make a significant stop at the National Museum of Military Vehicles on September 7. This milestone marks the riders' only full day off during their epic journey spanning the width of the nation.

The Navy '83 Ride Across America is an exceptional campaign driven by the commitment and dedication of the Naval Academy Class of '83 Alumni. With a strong focus on service and making a difference, this group is embarking on a monumental journey to raise awareness and funds for veteran non-profit organizations. This initiative resonates with their core values, reflecting a deep-seated determination to support those who have selflessly served our country with honor and valor.

The ride kicked off on August 23, from Whidbey Island, WA, and began a grueling 3,423-mile route that will culminate at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD, on October 5, 2023. This date coincides with the Navy Class of 1983's 40th reunion, adding an extra layer of significance to the journey. Comprising accomplished professionals from diverse fields, the riders are prepared to push their physical limits while showcasing unwavering support for veterans.

While on their transcontinental trek, the Naval Academy '83 alumni is actively raising funds for esteemed veteran non-profit organizations, including The USNA Alumni Foundation, Challenged Athletes Foundation, Team Rubicon, Special Operations Warrior Foundation, Fisher House Foundation, and Operation Heal Our Patriots. By forging partnerships with these organizations, the riders are amplifying their collective impact and ensuring that their support reaches the widest possible audience. Importantly, 100% of the proceeds generated by the Navy '83 Ride Across America will directly benefit these deserving groups.

This cross-country journey serves as a powerful platform to raise awareness about the pressing challenges faced by veterans. Each day of the ride commences with all participants engaging in 22 push-ups, symbolizing the number of veterans who tragically lose their lives to suicide daily. In the 42 cities the ride passes through, local communities are invited to join in the symbolic push-ups and rally behind the riders as they press onward. The overarching goal is to inspire

individuals across the nation to demonstrate their gratitude for those who have safeguarded our freedoms.

VADM Dixon Smith, USN (Ret), remarked, "This group of classmates are proving that age is just a number, and the limits of our physical and mental capacities are often limited only by our willingness to stretch our own personal boundaries. Great things are possible - including help for those veterans that most deserve it - if we only try our best together."

The Navy '83 Ride Across America represents an extraordinary opportunity for individuals, businesses, and communities nationwide to come together and display their unwavering support for veterans.

About the Team:

The Naval Academy Alumni Class of '83 consists of distinguished individuals who graduated from the Naval Academy. These cycling alumni initiate various initiatives and events to challenge each other while striving to support veteran non-profits and raise awareness about the challenges confronted by those who have served our great country.