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# **Kansas Turnpike Authority and KDOT Welcomes Run for the Wall Riders**

Hundreds of motorcyclists will be traveling through Kansas en route to Washington, D.C., to honor military veterans May 17-19. Many of them are expected to stop at the Kansas Turnpike Topeka service area Monday where they will be welcomed by the Kansas Turnpike Authority, the Kansas Department of Transportation and the Kansas ABATE chapter.

“The KTA and KDOT have partnered with the Kansas ABATE chapter to host this unique event and welcome riders’ on their trip through Kansas,” said Secretary of Transportation and Director of the Turnpike Mike King. “On behalf of all Kansans, I thank the veterans for their service to our country.”

Run for the Wall recognizes the sacrifices and contributions made by veterans who have served our nation. The ride is designed to promote healing among veterans, their families and friends; to call for an accounting of all prisoners of war and those missing in action; to honor the memory of those killed in all wars; and support military personnel all over the world.

Employees of the KTA and KDOT, along with local and state dignitaries, will pump gas, hand out water and greet the more than 500 motorcyclists and veterans that are expected as they make their way through Kansas. The KTA is donating \$500 worth of gasoline to the riders.

This years' Run for the Wall is the 26<sup>th</sup> annual event. The ride started in Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., on May 14, traveling three different routes and will join back together on May 23.

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