

## AMERICAN VETERANS BALL – MGM - NATIONAL HARBOR, MD

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Who: American Veterans Ball

**What:** ALL Armed Forces Service Ball **When:** Friday November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Where: Grand Ballroom MGM Hotel & Casino National Harbor, MD

**Why:** To provide veterans of "ALL" the Armed Forces with the opportunity to

participate in a customary annual comradeship event comparable to those performed by

our active service components.

**Admission:** \$150 per individual ticket or \$1500 for a table of 10

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**WASHINGTON DC - VIRGINIA - MARYLAND** and neighboring States – The Fourth Annual Salute to American Veterans Ball (AVB-2019) to be held at the MGM – HOTEL & CASINO NATIONAL HARBOR, MD, 101 MGM National Ave, Oxon Hill, MD 20745 on Friday November 8, 2019 in celebration of Veterans Day. Doors open at 6pm: Official Ceremony begins at 7pm.

The idea for the ball was embedded as Chief Warrant Officer 3, Ozzy Ramos, USMC (Retired) was enjoying a free veteran's meal with other fellow veterans on Veterans Day in 2014. "A group of us had gotten together and were swapping tales about our days on active duty," recalled Ramos. "We talked about the formal balls the service branches put on for active-duty members and how transitional veterans rarely ever get re-invited to these types of traditional events, post their active duty service." The group identified a gap and as leaders, out of the uniform, decided to do something about that, resulting in the birth of the Salute to American Veterans Ball (AVB). This event features a dynamic patriotic program, fine dining, fellowship, music, and dance.

The goal of the AVB is to CONNECT our PAST and PRESENT military veterans to our nation's next generation and FUTURE leaders of America while keeping them true to the Red, White, and Blue. It will also serve and provide veterans of "ALL" the Armed Forces with the opportunity to participate in a customary annual comradeship event comparable to those performed by our active service components. The most common denominator that we've discovered among transitioned veterans was that once they were discharged out of their respective branches they experienced an immediate disconnection to these types of traditional events. Yet, despite of this disconnection many veterans still find themselves living out their core values with purpose as civilians while serving their communities and contributing to the greater good as a way of life. Whether in or out of the uniform, we believe that an event such as the AVB, creates that pathway to reignite, connect with, and maintain our patriotism with our fellow brothers and sisters through this unique event for years to come. This event will also serve a purpose of fostering youth development and promoting a sense community for years to come. Join us in celebration as we salute our past, present, and future veterans.

"We are very excited about this opportunity to provide this experience to our fellow Veterans in honor all the brave the men and women who have given so much to protect America and to advance the cause of freedom around the world," said Ramos. Proceeds to support Veterans, Veteran Organizations, Children of Fallen Service Members, Summer Youth Camps, JROTC programs, Inspiring Educational Institutions, Programs for Children of Service Veterans and Scholarships. (SOW, REAP, GROW).

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