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Vietnam Veterans of America Memphis Chapter #875 Present Special Event In Support of Troops Returning Home From War in Iraq and Afghanistan



Some slightly injured and some permanently disabled, there are over 70,000 soldiers returning home from war in Iraq and Afghanistan. These veterans have put their life and limbs on the line for America and the everyday life that many tend to take for granted. The numbers of lives lost in the war are always counted and made public as part of the daily news stories across the country, however, the large number of surviving veterans whose lives will be changed forever, doesn't get as much attention. These men and women of the military have and are suffering injuries such as loss of leg or arm, loss of hearing, mental disorders, vision loss and even loss such as family stability. Many of them are returning right here in the Memphis and Mid-South area.

That's where the Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA), a non-profit 501(c)(19) organization comes in

(www.vva.org). Founded nationally in 1978, the VVA has a local chapter, #875, where Gary Newport is the President. Mr. Newport sees and hears every issue imaginable when it comes to veterans returning home. Whether it's finding quality healthcare, making a veteran's home handicap accessible, providing regular transportation, post-war counseling, creating civilian career opportunities and even helping a homeless veteran get decent housing, the needs of our returning veterans is great.

That's the reason the Vietnam Veterans of America, Memphis Chapter #875, is presenting an event to help raise awareness and funds for our soldiers – the Memphis Extreme! MMA 1. It's the Mixed Martial Arts Fighting, known as the MMA that has become one of the most popular sporting events in the world. Memphis Extreme! MMA is taking place on November 28th, 2009 at the AgriCenter Showplace Arena. Set to be the biggest MMA event in this part of the country, it's also a creative way of helping to raise funds to assist those that have given so much of themselves abroad. Our returning veterans need support.

The fight card is scheduled for 9 different bouts, featuring professional fighters from the toughest gyms across the country. The main event is headlined by former US Marine Chris "Exorcist"

Price versus Fight Force International Light Heavyweight John “Doo-Doo” Brown, holder of 3 southern MMA professional belts. Ring announcer and color commentary provided by Corey Maclin of Memphis Wrestling, WWE, and world kickboxing champ Anthony “Amp” Elmore. In addition to the biggest MMA ever in the Memphis area, there will also be live entertainment, vendors, plenty of fun and excitement.

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Fight & Pre-Fight Information

All pre and post fight related events will be held at the Holiday Inn Select East- “FIGHT HEADQUARTERS” at 5795 Poplar Ave and I-240 in East Memphis.

These events include:

- **FRIDAY / Novmeber 6th / 10:00AM**
- **The Official Fight Kick-Off Press Conference**
- **FRIDAY / November 27th / 6:00PM**
- **The Official Fight VIP Reception/Press Meet and Greet, Photo and Interview opportunity**
- **FRIDAY / November 27th / 7:30PM**
- **The Official Fight Weigh-In**
- **SATURDAY / November 28th / 7:00PM**
- **The Fight Events**
- **SATURDAY / November 28th / 7:00PM**
- **“MANDY POLK’S FIGHT NIGHT” After Party** ...held immediately after the main events, Saturday, November 28th from 10pm until 4am.

All this simply because our veterans need our help. Let’s show them we’re here and that we care. We can make a difference! Attend Memphis Extreme! MMA 1.

Memphis Extreme MMA 1 is sponsored by **Budweiser** - “The Great American Lager!,” **A&R Barbeque** - “We Put the Heat to the Meat!,” and **Holiday Inn Select East** - “Great Hotels Guests Love”.

Please contact Sean Burke of Luminance Entertainment or Nesby Blanchard of Show-It-Off Promotions, event directors. For any additional fight information, interviews or press passes: **901.262.7959** / Email: memphisburke@comcast.net

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Please visit www.MemphisExtremeMMA.com for up to date fight information