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**VETERANS ADVOCATES TO ATTEND 'ROLLING THUNDER' IN  
WASHINGTON THIS WEEKEND**

When more than one million motorcyclists and spectators converge on the nation's capital this weekend to advocate for veterans and memorialize fallen military personnel, members of the Louisiana-based Military Veterans Advocacy (MVA) will play a prominent role.

MVA Executive Director Cdr. John B. Wells (USN, Ret.) and other members of the MVA team will be in attendance, joining officials of the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Association. Wells will address the crowd on Saturday at the U.S. Navy Memorial at 11 a.m. and at the Reflecting Pool at 3 p.m. Wells' speech will focus on the Blue Water Navy Act, pending in Congress, current practices of the Veterans Administration, Agent Orange matters, and the emerging issue of 'burn pits' that impact the health of veterans.

"We have long worked for the passage of the Blue Water Veterans Act, restoring Agent Orange benefits to U.S. Navy personnel who served in the waters of Vietnam but are denied compensation, and we're finally optimistic the bill will pass in the current Congress," Wells said. "But that's far from the extent of our work on behalf of veterans and military personnel. The biological impact of service members' proximity to burn pits is still becoming known, and MVA will aggressively work for thorough research and proper redress for affected personnel."

Wells, an attorney whose practice focuses on military matters, is based in Slidell, Louisiana, near New Orleans. For more information about MVA, visit [www.MilitaryVeteransAdvocacy.org](http://www.MilitaryVeteransAdvocacy.org), and find the organization on Facebook. For more information about this weekend's events, visit [www.RollingThunderRun.com](http://www.RollingThunderRun.com).

Cdr. Wells is available for media interviews.

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