

# **New Orleans to host 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Memorial Mile of Silence Walk and Memorial Stair Climb**

**For Immediate Release: November 4, 2022 – New Orleans, LA** – The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual New Orleans Memorial Stair Climb will be held on the morning of Saturday, March 4, 2023 from 8:00am until 12:00pm. Our mission is to Honor and Remember the fallen heroes from 9/11/01. We also recognize any Louisiana or Gulf Coast first responder that has perished during the previous year.

Twenty years after the collapse of the Twin Towers, the New Orleans Memorial Stair Climb continues to pay tribute to the 343 firefighters, 60 law enforcement officers, and 8 emergency medical service technicians that made the ultimate sacrifice with their lives.

“More than 40 Memorial Stair Climbs occur every year across the country, and I wanted an event here in New Orleans, so we could do our part to memorialize our fallen brothers,” says Event Director and Jefferson Parish Firefighter Neil Navarro. “It is a humbling experience and intense reminder of the sacrifice, dedication, and commitment required of those who serve and protect our communities”.

411 first responders from across the United States and other parts of the world will ascend 78 floors, the highest anyone got on that horrific day in the former South Tower of the World Trade Center Twin Towers. Each registered climber will bear the name and picture of a first responder that perished at Ground Zero. Participating first responders are encouraged to wear their appropriate gear to make the climb, but it is not mandatory.

During our “Mile of Silence Remembrance Walk”, family, friends and supporters of first responders can walk side by side next to those Heroes. Our goal is to get **2,566** walkers to cover ALL of the civilians that perished on 9/11/01.

Immediately following the climb, everyone is invited to attend our family-friendly annual Brotherhood Bash. Live entertainment will be provided by Budweiser and the “Battle of the Badges Cook-Off” will be back showcasing cooking teams from local fire, police and EMS. They will each cook and serve up their best dish to see who will be crowned winner of the Championship Belt and have bragging rights for a year.

ALL proceeds from our event are donated back to families of fallen first responders along the Gulf Coast.

The New Orleans Memorial Stair Climb is a sanctioned event of the Association of Memorial Stair Climb, a 501(c) 3 organization. Visit [www.memorialstairclimbs.com](http://www.memorialstairclimbs.com) to learn more.

**Please come out to show your support and  
be a HERO to a HERO, because FORGETTING IS NOT AN OPTION.  
WE CLIMB BECAUSE THEY CLIMBED!**

For more information about the New Orleans Memorial Stair Climb, The Mile of Silence Remembrance Walk and our Brotherhood Bash, please visit us at [www.neworleansstairclimb.com](http://www.neworleansstairclimb.com) or contact Neil Navarro, *Event Director* at [director@neworleansstairclimb.com](mailto:director@neworleansstairclimb.com)