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Never Been Done Before!

WWII Veteran on 50-State, 50-Governor No Regrets Tour Launches Campaign to Raise \$ Millions for Frontline Nurses.

Sidney Walton, 102, Kicks Off Campaign in Downtown Miami, June 28th, 10:00-10:30 am, in Front of Intercontinental Hotel at Bayfront Park.

Invited guests include Rabbi Mark Rosenberg (confirmed), Glenn Sampert (GM, Intercontinental Hotel, confirmed), Sen. Rick Scott (District Director confirmed), Jason Jenkins (Dolphins Senior VP, confirmed), Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, and other dignitaries and celebrities.

Sidney chose Miami for this kick-off in honor of his father who lived in Miami Beach and is buried in Miami. The ceremony and remainder of the tour will be filmed by Tenacity Entertainment for a documentary on Sidney's <u>No Regrets Tour</u>.

The Florida Highway Patrol will then escort Sidney to commemorative ceremonies in Fort Lauderdale (Mayor Trantalis, 12:30, Hyatt Centric @ Bubier Park), Boca Raton (Mayor Scott Singer, City Hall), West Palm Beach (City officials, Trinity Park), Orlando, Tampa (overnight Westin Waterfront), and Tallahassee (June 29).

Thursday, July 1, 9:30 am, Gov. Kay Ivey will meet with Sidney in Montgomery, AL, which will be Sidney's 37th governor and state on his No Regrets Tour.

Sidney Walton, one of the country's last WWII vets, has been on a <u>National No Regrets</u> <u>Tour</u> of all 50 states and governors calling attention to how few WWII vets remain, and the sacrifices they made to save America. The tour has given people a chance to meet a WWII veteran before it's too late, as Sidney regrets missing an opportunity to meet some of the last Civil War veterans in New York City, where he grew up. For the past 60 years Sidney has lived in San Diego.

During the tour Sidney recognized we have been fighting a new type of enemy – a deadly pandemic. In just one year COVID-19 has killed more than twice the number of Americans who died in all of WWII. That's 600,000 deaths!

Inspired by Captain Tom Moore, the 100-yr-old WWII veteran in England who raised \$46 million for the UK's National Health Services, Sidney has dramatically changed the focus of his tour to raise money for the new battle heroes, frontline nurses. Every dollar raised in the last leg of his tour - 14 states and governors - will be donated to the American Nurses Foundation's "Coronavirus Response Fund for Nurses."

Sidney's goal is to raise \$1 more than Moore. Given that the US has five times the population of the U.K. he believes we can do it!

Katie McNaughton of the Captain Tom Foundation in the UK expressed enthusiasm for Sidney's mission: "Captain Sir Tom and his family are very grateful for your support. We wish your father success in completing his amazing mission. Good luck Sidney!"

This is the second pandemic in Sidney's lifetime - he was born during the Spanish flu. He and Captain Tom Moore served in the same theater of war during WWII - China-Burma-India. Sadly, Captain Moore died of COVID-19 earlier this year.

Sidney will be riding in his 2020 newly wrapped Buick Enclave, which will be unveiled for the FIRST TIME at the ceremony in Miami (see photo below). He will visit these 14 remaining states:

- Alabama
- Oklahoma
- New Mexico
- Colorado
- Kansas
- South Dakota
- North Dakota
- Minnesota
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- Wisconsin
- Ohio
- West Virginia
- Pennsylvania
- Delaware

For more info and to contribute to Sidney's campaign for frontline nurses, see <u>www.SIDNEYforMOORE.com</u>.

