Dear Friends! Bring out your best red, white and blue because Terry Sharpe, The Walking Marine, is coming to town! Terry starts his **SIXTH WALK** to Washington, DC from Stokesdale, NC on May 2, 2018 and he will be traveling through YOUR area! We are on a mission to support him along his journey and it’s going to take every community working together to make that happen!

Maybe you have met Terry Sharpe aka “The Walking Marine” or caught sight of him as he traveled through your area in the past. He is hard to miss as he makes his way up 29 North carrying a “ruck” with two flags attached! Sometimes he is joined by friends or strangers, other times, he walks alone, each step made to raise awareness of the issues Veterans face every day. Terry is a Vietnam Veteran who has walked from NC to DC FIVE times over the last four years to raise awareness for various Veteran concerns and this year, he walks to raise awareness of the alarming rates of Veteran suicide and homelessness in our country. He will be making this journey again very soon and we need YOUR help to show him some love along the way!

On May 2nd, Terry will leave Stokesdale, NC headed to DC for the SIXTH time! He will travel approximately 10-14 miles per day and will be passing through the Lynchburg area on May 9th and 10th. His path will bring him into town on 29 North, where he will travel through town continue north until he makes it to DC.

As he comes through YOUR community, we can support him in many ways! If you live or own a business along his route, put out your best American Flag and flood your yard or marquee with words of encouragement. If you see him walking, be cautious of stopping because the shoulder of the road can be dangerous but **HONK** and help us continue the “Honk For The Walking Marine” Campaign from last year! If you see him taking a break, stop and share a laugh, offer him a bottle of water and words of encouragement but most importantly, pray for him!

This year, Terry is launching the **“Penny A Step” Campaign** with a goal of $6,000.00 that will be donated to the following charities:
- Danville South Central Out of the Darkness Walk/American Foundation for Suicide Prevention
- Stars, Stripes & Paws
- Rockingham County Veterans Coalition – Veterans Food Pantry

He will also be collecting Wal-Mart gift cards and gas cards to help support Veterans experiencing homelessness and are receiving shelter in a safe environment through Veterans on Patrol Bravo Base “Camp Conklin”. These gift cards will be used to help Veterans across the country during one of their darkest times in life.

We will be hosting a Meet & Greet with Terry Sharpe on **May 9, 2018** at:
- **River Ridge Mall 3405 Candlers Mountain Road Lynchburg, VA (Center Court Near NY & Company)** 5:00 – 6:00 PM

I encourage you to attend AND please help us spread the word about the Meet & Greet so that more people can join us, learn about Terry, his important mission and how they can help make a difference in their community!

If you would like to learn more about how YOU can help support this American Hero as he travels through our community on his journey to FIGHT for Veteran Suicide Awareness or to make a charitable tax deduction, contact LeAnne Hardy at 434-688-1636 or via email at ssphero@yahoo.com. To learn more about Terry Sharpe, visit his website at [http://www.walkingmarine.com/](http://www.walkingmarine.com/) or donate and meet him on Facebook Page at The Walking Marine.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter. I look forward to working with you to support The Walking Marine and raise Veteran Suicide and Homelessness Awareness in YOUR community!

Sincerely,

*LeAnne Hardy*, Director
Stars, Stripes & Paws