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“Fighting for the Right to Fight” honors legacy of Montford Point Marines in tribute to black Marines

NEW YORK, Aug. 12, 2025 /PRNewswire/ -- The New York and New Jersey Chapters of the National Montford Point Marine Association, Inc., in partnership with The Center for Military-Affiliated Students at The New School, invite members of the media to cover Fighting for the Right to Fight, a powerful tribute to the first African Americans to serve in the U.S. Marine Corps.

This inaugural NYC Montford Point Marine Day commemoration will take place Saturday, August 23, 2025 at 3:00 PM EST at The New School – Tishman Auditorium, 63 Fifth Avenue (between 13th & 14th Streets), New York, NY

Registration is free and open to the public.

This historic event will feature the presentation of the Congressional Gold Medal to six families of Montford Point Marines, a recognition of their trailblazing service and lasting contributions



to racial equality within the U.S. military.

As part of the program, the event will honor three distinguished Montford Point Marines whose impact extended far beyond their military service:

- David N. Dinkins**, the 106th Mayor of New York City and the first—and only—Black mayor in the city’s history.
- **Ken Rollock**, a retired NYPD detective who exemplified a lifelong commitment to protecting and serving both his country and his city.
- Joe Wilder**, a renowned American jazz trumpeter, bandleader, and composer. Wilder became a

key figure in 20th-century jazz, performing on New York City stages and contributing to the city’s vibrant cultural history. These tributes underscore the profound influence of Montford Point Marines not only on the military but also on civic life, public safety, and American arts and culture.

Why This Event Matters: Montford Point Marine Day, officially observed on August 26, marks a significant chapter in American history. Between 1942 and 1949, more than 20,000 African American men trained at Montford Point Camp, North Carolina—a segregated facility that challenged and ultimately helped dismantle racial barriers in

the military. Their courageous service laid the foundation for the eventual desegregation of the U.S. Armed Forces and helped transform the landscape of American civil rights.

About the National Montford Point Marine Association, Inc.: Founded in 1965, the National Montford Point Marine Association is a nonprofit veteran organization dedicated to preserving the legacy of the original Montford Point Marines. Through education, outreach, and advocacy, the Association ensures that the sacrifices and triumphs of these Marines are never forgotten.

About the Center for Military-

Affiliated Students at The New School:

The Center for Military-Affiliated Students (CMAS) serves as a central hub for student-veterans and military family members. In alignment with The New School’s legacy of social justice, equity, and public engagement, CMAS provides tailored support, fosters academic and career success, and creates opportunities to honor the service and sacrifices of military-connected communities. Hosting this tribute to the Montford Point Marines reflects the university’s ongoing commitment to recognizing overlooked histories and uplifting those who have broken barriers. Join them in remembering, honoring, and continuing the legacy of those who fought for the right to fight.

SOURCE The New School, Center for Military Affiliated Students

The SAF welcomes GrabAGun as newest Gold-Level corporate partner

BELLEVUE, Wash. — Aug. 19, 2025 — The Second Amendment Foundation (SAF) is pleased to announce GrabAGun – a fast-growing, digitally native eCommerce retailer of firearms, ammunition, related accessories and other outdoor enthusiast products – has joined the organization as a corporate partner at the Gold level.

“We look forward to working with Adam and the dedicated team at the Second Amendment Foundation to continue to advance the cause of freedom,” said Marc Nemati, CEO of GrabAGun. “SAF’s dedication to safeguarding the fundamental principles of personal liberty and armed self-defense directly benefits our customers and the broader firearms community. Their strategic legal approach and educational initiatives create lasting change that strengthens Second Amendment protections nationwide. This partnership reflects our commitment to organizations that deliver measurable results in defending the rights we all value.”

In addition to supporting SAF as a corporate partner, GrabAGun is also sponsoring the Saturday night reception at the 40th annual Gun Rights Policy Conference, along with donating product for a future SAF monthly sweepstakes.

“The team at GrabAGun understands the importance of upholding the freedoms we hold dear as their customers, and the community they are building, depend on the ability to freely exercise their Second Amendment rights across America,” said SAF Executive Director Adam Kraut. “We are pleased to welcome GrabAGun as a staunch corporate partner and look forward to working with them to help ensure our constitutional rights are defended, secured and restored.”

Building on its proprietary software expertise, GrabAGun’s eCommerce site has become one of the leading firearm retail websites. In addition to its eCommerce excellence, GrabAGun has developed industry-leading solutions that revolutionize supply chain management, combining dynamic inventory and order management with AI-powered pricing and demand forecasting. These advancements enable seamless logistics, efficient regulatory compliance and a streamlined experience for customers.

For more information about SAF’s corporate partner program, contact Lauren Hill at lhill@saf.org.

The USAA and the NFL extend partnership to salute military ... from sports page 1

with the military community stationed overseas. After USAA previously hosted NFL combine style events at U.S. military installations in Germany and England and Super Bowl watch parties at various international installations, USAA and the NFL will now collaborate on further enhancing an annual overseas event during the NFL International Series.

- USAA will be the presenting sponsor of a one-hour show focusing on Salute to Service programs undertaken by the league, teams and USAA. The show will showcase how USAA, the NFL

and all 32 clubs honor, empower and connect with the military community. The show is scheduled to premiere in 2026.

“We are deeply grateful for USAA’s commitment to recognizing the efforts made by members of the NFL family to honor the military community through the Salute to Service Award and other military engagements,” said NFL Senior Vice President of Social Responsibility Anna Isaacson. “It’s important our partners align with the values of the NFL, and we look forward to the continued impact we can make together.”

To celebrate this season, USAA invites fans to enter for a chance to win a trip to Super Bowl LX in the San Francisco Bay Area. For official rules and to enter, fans can visit [USAA.com/NFL](https://usaa.com/NFL). 160over90 worked alongside USAA in negotiations and has been USAA’s NFL partnership agency since 2011.

For more information, please visit [USAA.com/NFL](https://usaa.com/NFL) and NFL.com/salute.

necting with our nation’s service members, veterans, and their families. It is grounded in deep partnerships with the Bob Woodruff Foundation (BWF), Pat Tillman Foundation (PTF), Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS), United Service Organizations (USO) and Wounded Warrior Project® (WWP). Since 2011, more than \$73 million has been raised for the NFL’s Salute to Service partners.

About USAA

Founded in 1922 by a group of military officers, USAA is among the leading providers of insurance, banking and retire-

ment solutions and serves 14 million members of the U.S. military, veterans who have honorably served and their families. Headquartered in San Antonio, USAA has offices in eight U.S. cities and three overseas locations and employs more than 38,000 people worldwide. Each year, the company contributes to national and local nonprofits in support of military families and communities where employees live and work. For more information about USAA, follow us on Facebook, Instagram or X (@USAA), or visit usaa.com.

Sen. Marsha Blackburn shows how Republicans are tackling rising crime ... from sports-Military 2

to cities across the country struggling with rising crime, including in Tennessee. On that front, I have worked closely with Attorney General Bondi and FBI Director Patel to tackle crime in our state, including in Memphis, which saw a 52 percent spike in homicides between 2022 and 2023. In April, the city recorded one of its worst-ever months for violent crimes against children, including seven who died from gunshot wounds.

While these efforts will go far in addressing rising crime, there is still so much more that we can do, especially for youth caught up in criminal activity. Last week, I hosted a roundtable discussion with elected officials and community leaders in Memphis to discuss solutions to reduce juvenile crime, and one of the top issues that came up was access to resources—especially for after-school programs.

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Such programs have been able to reduce violent crimes by at-risk youth by up to 50 percent while improving academic performance, behavior, and health among participants. When it comes to reducing juvenile crime, the whole child has to be a consideration, especially as many at-risk kids have experienced trauma from their experience with violent crime.

While the AFTER SCHOOL Act would do so much to reduce juvenile crime, partnerships in the community are vitally important to make the most of this legislation. Often, repeat offenders start with small crimes before moving on to more serious offenses. That requires judges, juvenile courts, law enforcement, and schools to work together to identify juvenile offenders early on and put them on the right path.

To support these efforts, I’ve introduced several bills that would promote law and order in cities like Memphis. My Federal Carjacking Enforcement Act would empower federal prosecutors to hold carjackers accountable and

make our streets safer for Tennesseans and all Americans. My Restoring the Armed Career Criminal Act would reinstate an important tool for prosecutors to seek enhanced penalties against violent, repeat offenders. And my Restoring Law and Order Act would increase funding for law

enforcement and help keep violent criminals behind bars. Altogether, these bills would empower the next generation of Memphians and youth across the country to lead a life free of crime. Congress should waste no time in sending them to President Trump’s desk.

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phis and Jackson Police Departments, Shelby, Fayette, Gibson, and Tipton County Sheriff’s Offices, Tennessee Highway Patrol, Tennessee Department of Correction, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, and Tennessee Department of Homeland Secu-

city.

Additional information about the U.S. Marshals Service can be found at <https://www.usmarshals.gov>.

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