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IRVINE MARRIOTT SALUTES VETERANS WITH A SPECIAL DEAL FEATURING FREE PARKING Military members and their families encouraged to visit Northwood Gratitude and Honor Memorial

Irvine, CA – With its broad stripes and bright stars, a U.S. flag waving high in the sky is a symbol of the freedom all Americans enjoy each and every day. Those who have fought to protect that beacon of liberty are honored with parades, statutes, ceremonies – and now a timely deal from the <u>Irvine</u> Marriott with Memorial Day right around the corner.



Veterans and their families can book deluxe accommodations at the Irvine hotel starting at \$104 per night with the We Honor Our Veterans and Gold and Blue Star Families package. The deal features Thursday though Sunday night stays from now through Dec. 15 and includes the waiving of the hotel's \$18 per day parking fee when lodgers visit The Northwood Gratitude and Honor Memorial.

One of the premium full-service hotels in Irvine, the Orange County Marriott pampers its guests with 485 rooms featuring one king or two double beds with lush quilt-top mattresses, oversized comforters, feather pillows and custom duvets along with wet

bars, mini-refrigerators and coffee makers. Flat-screen high-definition TVs and high-speed Internet are the perfect amenities in each room for adults and kids to view the latest movie releases or play the coolest video games using LodgeNet.

The Environmental Protection Agency has honored the Irvine hotel with the Energy Star Award for its efforts to care for the environment – just as The Northwood Gratitude and Honor Memorial has paid tribute to veterans who have served and protected during the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The first permanent monument in the nation to list the names of American service members who have fallen in those countries is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week but offers special public ceremonies on Memorial Day (Monday, May 28) and Veterans Day (Sunday, Nov. 11). The granite memorial walls currently display the names of more than 6,324 casualties. A remembrance ceremony, candle lighting and a reading of the names of the most recent fallen heroes will highlight Memorial Day ceremonies, which will also feature guest speakers Laura Herzog, founder and CEO of Honoring Our Fallen, and Command Sgt. Major Bud McLeroy. The Veterans Day commemoration will include the unveiling of additional war heroes.

With so many other <u>things to do in Irvine</u> and its surrounding areas, visitors can opt to take an ocean expedition at the Aquarium of the Pacific with its more than 50 exhibits exploring the waters of Southern California and Baja, Northern Pacific and Tropical Pacific or go on a shopping adventure at the nearby South Coast Plaza, the largest mall in California featuring 250 stores anchored by Saks



Fifth Avenue, Bloomingdale's, Nordstrom, Macy's and Sears plus 30 restaurants and four performing arts venues. Guests can also head to Disneyland® Resort, located just 20 miles from the Marriott Irvine Hotel.

Armed forces members will want to book rooms with the promotional code PSF and must show their government-issued IDs at check in to receive the <u>We Honor Our Veterans and Gold and Blue Star</u> Families package.

## About the Irvine Marriott

The Irvine Marriott is situated in the heart of Southern California and is within minutes of Orange County beaches, world-class shopping at Irvine Spectrum Center and South Coast Plaza and John Wayne Airport. The Irvine hotel features 27,000 square feet of meeting space, two restaurants, a Starbucks and a martini and wine bar along with a state-of-the-art fitness center. Newly renovated rooms sport Marriott Revive bedding, high-definition TVs and wireless Internet. For information, visit www.marriott.com/LAXIR.