



take center stage

**Contact:** Jessica Mediano  
Marketing & Public Information Officer  
760-408-2177

## **CITY OF INDIO ANNOUNCES FIRST-EVER VETERANS DAY 5K RUN/WALK TO BENEFIT HUNTER LOPEZ MEMORIAL FOUNDATION**

INDIO, CA (October 7, 2024) - The City of Indio is proud to host its inaugural Veterans Day 5K Run/Walk on Monday, November 11, 2024, at the Empire Polo Club, supporting the Hunter Lopez Memorial Foundation. This family-friendly event invites participants of all ages to run or walk a scenic route through the iconic polo grounds while honoring our nation's veterans.

### **Event Details:**

- **Date:** Monday, November 11, 2024
- **Location:** Empire Polo Club, Indio, CA
- **Time:** Check-in begins at 7:00 a.m., with an opening ceremony at 8:00 a.m. The 5K run/walk kicks off at 8:30 a.m.
- **Registration:** Now open at [runsignup.com/Race/CA/Indio/IndioVeterans5K](https://runsignup.com/Race/CA/Indio/IndioVeterans5K)
  - General registration is \$43.40 per person.
  - Veterans receive a \$25 discount during registration.
  - Children under the age of 10 participate for free.

All participants will receive a commemorative shirt as part of their registration. Vendors will be on-site, offering food, drinks, and merchandise throughout the event.

The event will benefit the **Hunter Lopez Memorial Foundation**, which honors the legacy of Marine Corporal Hunter Lopez, a local hero who gave his life in service. The foundation supports veterans, military families, and youth development programs. In addition, each \$10 donation made to the Hunter Lopez Memorial Foundation will receive an entry to win a pair of 3-day GA Stagecoach tickets for the 2025 festival.

"We invite the community to come together to honor our veterans, celebrate their service, and support a great cause," said Mayor Lupe Ramos Amith. "This event is a wonderful opportunity to show appreciation for our local heroes while enjoying a fun day out with family and friends."

**About the Hunter Lopez Memorial Foundation:** The Hunter Lopez Memorial Foundation was established to honor the memory of Marine Corporal Hunter Lopez, a native of the Coachella Valley who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. The foundation provides support to veterans, military families, and youth-focused initiatives, fostering a spirit of service and community engagement.

###