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## **Run for the Wall riders to stop at Topeka service area**

TOPEKA, Kan.—The Topeka service area (I-70/KTA mile marker 188) will host hundreds of motorcyclists traveling through Kansas from Ontario, CA to Washington D.C. for the annual Run for the Wall event. Riders will stop at the Topeka service area Monday, May 20, 2019 around 8:30 a.m. where they will be welcomed by the Kansas Turnpike Authority, Kansas Department of Transportation, Kansas ABATE chapter and the Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs.

Run for the Wall recognizes the sacrifices and contributions made by veterans who have served our nation. The ride is designed to promote healing among veterans, their families and friends; to call for an accounting of all prisoners of war and those missing in action; to honor the memory of those killed in all wars; and support military personnel all over the world.

KTA and KDOT employees will be in attendance to greet riders. KTA is donating \$500 of fuel to the riders and EZ-Go, the Topeka Service Area convenience store, is donating water.

The ride began May 15 in Ontario, CA. Topeka's route is one of three different routes that will meet in Arlington, VA and conclude at the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial in Washington D.C. on May 27.

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### **About KTA:**

For more than 60 years, the Kansas Turnpike Authority (KTA) maintains 236 miles of user-fee supported roadway from the Oklahoma border to Kansas City. KTA doesn't receive state or federal tax funds. Instead, toll revenue pays for preservation and modernization of the Turnpike system. With the [current long-term plan](#), KTA has outlined 44 projects to enhance safety and the customer experience over the next decade. KTA's mission is to move Kansas forward by operating a safe, reliable and customer-valued turnpike system in a fiscally responsible, businesslike manner.

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