

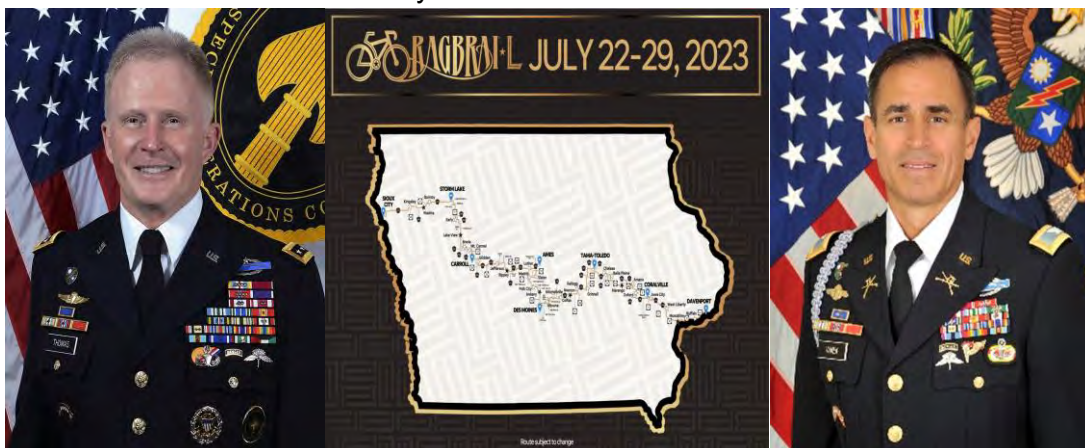
July 4, 2023

Dear Supporters of Our Fallen Warriors,

On July 21, 2023, retired General Tony "T2" Thomas and Colonel Chris "CV" Vanek will embark on the 2023 ride across Iowa famously referred to as the RAGBRAI. While our initial intent was solely personal in nature, we are now committing this effort to honor our fallen comrades and their loved ones, commonly referred to as Gold Star mothers and fathers, spouses, children and siblings:

- We will ride in support of three non-profit organizations that are committed to the families of those who gave their lives for this great Nation of ours.
- The Special Operations Warrior Foundation or SOWF (<https://specialops.org/>) pays for all educational expenses for the children of our fallen Special Operators, from primary education to college or vocational training.
- The Three Rangers Foundation or TRF (<https://www.threerangersfoundation.org/>) focuses their Gold Star program mentoring and developmental opportunities for the children of fallen Rangers from the 75th Ranger Regiment while also caring for the needs of mothers and fathers, widows, and siblings.
- The Gold Star Peak Organization (<https://www.goldstarpeak.org/>) was founded in 2019 for the purpose of honoring our fallen by providing a hallowed location in Alaska to recognize and remember the sacrifice made by so many serving our Nation.

The RAGBRAI will cover approximately 500 miles from the Missouri to the Mississippi River and 2023 marks the 50th anniversary of this world renowned ride.



100% of all proceeds will be donated directly to each of these three non-profit organizations. Let us remind the families of those who made the ultimate sacrifice that they are not forgotten.

<https://gofund.me/9d400ac8>

Rangers Lead The Way,
T2 and CV



Team SOF USA

RAGBRAI 2023

Riding in Support
of

The Special Operations Warrior Foundation, Three Rangers Foundation, and Gold Star Peak

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General Raymond A. "Tony" Thomas served his Nation for 39 years, rising to the most senior position in the the United States Special Operations as the Commanding General. General Thomas served in every conflict since the Vietnam War with the exception of Mogadishu, Somalia. He currently chairs the Special Operations Warrior Foundation. <https://specialops.org/>



Chris Vanek aka "CV" served in the United States Army for 28 years where he commanded the Army's elite 75th Ranger Regiment. He was privileged to lead Soldiers in combat for over 2,300 days in Afghanistan and Iraq. He currently directs the Three Rangers Foundation Gold Star Program. <https://www.threerangersfoundation.org/>



Maury Blackman served in the United States Army as a Field Artillery Officer. He is a highly successful technology entrepreneur and serves as the CEO for Premise Data Corporation. Maury is riding in support of the Gold Star Peak Organization. <https://www.goldstarpeak.org/>

