

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

## Kickoff Fundraiser for Restoration of Mural #5 – Desert Storm Homecoming & Victory Parade Sunday, November 10, 2019 / 2-5 p.m. Twentynine Palms Historical Society's Old Schoolhouse Museum

Action Council for 29 Palms Inc. (Action 29 Palms) will host a kickoff fundraiser for the restoration of Mural #5, Desert Storm Homecoming & Victory Parade, from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, November 10 at the Twentynine Palms Historical Society's Old Schoolhouse Museum, 6760 National Park Drive, Twentynine Palms.

The kickoff is open to the public and will include complimentary appetizers by Chef Charlie Ohnsted of the Joshua Tree Wedding Company plus a no-host bar. Donations and pledges will be gratefully accepted throughout the event to assist Action 29 Palms in reaching its fundraising goal of \$45,000.

Lead mural artist Chuck Caplinger, who originally painted Mural #5 in 1995, will be on hand to share the plan for repainting the historic mural. The mural is tentatively scheduled to be repainted in the spring of 2020 and unveiled in the fall, on or before Veterans Day. The year 2020 marks the 29<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the Persian Gulf War and the subsequent Victory Parade in Twentynine Palms that celebrated the return of the troops to the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center.

The desert community is invited to join in celebrating the Marine Corps Birthday on November 10 and the kickoff fundraising campaign to restore a historical part of Twentynine Palms. For more information about the event or how to donate, email: action29palms@gmail.com