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**Minority Veterans of America to Host MVA Pride Block Party June 27-28,
2020**

[Seattle, WA – June 22, 2020] Minority Veterans of America (MVA) is joining forces with REI Co-Op, The Mission Continues, Spart*a, and Modern Military Association of America to celebrate Pride on June 27-28, 2020. Pride events around the country have been cancelled, but MVA and community partners are stepping up to encourage members our community to take Pride in their own block through participating in and organizing local neighborhood block cleanup projects.

Taking into consideration the threat the COVID-19 pandemic presents combined with the urge to celebrate, MVA decided that a virtual Pride Block Party is a safe way to honor tradition while following current social distancing recommendations.

“The entire premise behind the event is to engage those who identify as LGBTQ, as well as the entire ally community, to find a positive way to leave their mark on their local communities. While we all may be struggling with the impacts of isolation, this is one small way that we can help folks find connection in an increasingly distant world,” said MVA Executive Director Lindsay Church.

Organizations, individuals, and families can clean up their block by collecting trash, sharing their photos online, and distributing cards to their neighbors to let them know that they are welcome to celebrate and participate too. For more information or to sign up, visit www.minorityvets.org/prideblockparty/

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Minority Veterans of America (MVA) is a non-partisan, non-profit organization that was designed to create belonging and advance equity for underrepresented veterans, including women, people of color, LGBTQ, and religious minorities. The organization aims to transform the narrative of the American veteran by building an interconnected community, fostering greater understanding of our memberships' identities, and serving minority veterans through the development of targeted programming and advocacy. For more information, visit www.MinorityVets.org.