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**Many Steps for Many Vets – 2016 Walk  
From 9/11 to 11/11  
From Ground Zero to Florida’s Space Coast**

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Melbourne, Fla. (September 3, 2016) – When Danny Garcia laces up his walking shoes Sunday, September 11 - the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attacks - he will do so in honor of all those who have answered the call to serve in defense of the United States, both at home and abroad. The 71-year-old U.S. Marine veteran and clergyman will set off on an estimated 1450-mile walk of support from Ground Zero in New York City at the corner of Liberty Street and Greenwich Street at 2 p.m. Eastern Time. Garcia will end his walk two months later on Veterans Day, November 11, in Brevard County at the Brevard Veterans Memorial Center (VMC) on Merritt Island.

One of the newest members of the VMC, Garcia has walked all over the world in the past 20 years calling for peace and to support special causes. To date, Garcia has walked more than 26,000 miles across five continents. He’s a passionate believer in the power of one person to affect positive change in the world. This year, he’s walking to raise funds in support of American military veterans and their families and to increase awareness of why veterans and current military deserve and need ongoing support.

“We owe these great men and women so much for serving our country,” said Garcia, who was born in Spanish Harlem, New York City, in 1945 and served more than 30 years in the U.S. Marines, U.S. Air Force and law enforcement combined. “Many of these Americans and their families need financial assistance when they transition back to civilian life, whether it’s for medical care or emergency relief. It’s critical that we take action now to show our support. Through this walk, I am hoping to bring greater awareness to veterans’ issues and demonstrate my deep appreciation for what they do.”

Along the route, Garcia will visit eight military bases, four veterans’ hospitals, six major historical locations, along with other sites with special significance to veterans, including Dover Air Force Base in Delaware, Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia, and the Orlando Veterans Affairs Medical Center at Lake Nona in Florida.

Donations made for the walk will benefit Disabled American Veterans, Marine Corps League chapters in all states on the walk route, along with the nonprofit [Brevard VMC](#), which is undergoing an expansion to meet the needs of Brevard County’s more than 70,000 retired, active duty and reserve members of the military – the second highest percentage of military residents per county in the nation.

Ways to support the walk are through prayer, by donating overnight lodging, food or water for Garcia, or by providing volunteer lead/trail vehicle assistance during the walk. Those wishing to make a financial donation can do so by using the Txt2give service and texting **321-325-4780**, following the automated prompts. To learn more about Chaplain Garcia and his past walks, visit [revdannygarcia.com](http://revdannygarcia.com).

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