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**CITY OF CHICAGO, MAYOR'S OFFICE OF VETERAN AFFAIRS, GRUNT STYLE
FOUNDATION: JOINT STATEMENT ON MEMORIAL**

CHICAGO - The City of Chicago, in collaboration with the Mayor's Advisory Council on Veteran Affairs, Grunt Style Foundation, 36th Ward Alderman Gilbert Villegas, Chair of the City Council Veteran Caucus, and 39th Ward Alderwoman Samantha Nugent, has initiated a coordinated effort to preserve the memorial dedicated to the 2nd Battalion 24th Marine Regiment honoring 16 service members who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Acquired by Chicago last year as part of the purchase of the former Marine Corps Training Center in the North Park Community, the Memorial holds significant historical value to our community.

Recognizing Chicago's rich heritage of military monuments, our administration places great importance on maintaining and safeguarding these historic landmarks. Earlier this year, our administration undertook the restoration of the [Vietnam Veterans Memorial](#) situated along Chicago's Riverwalk. We are committed to collaborating closely with our veteran community to ensure the preservation and accessibility of this Memorial for public viewing. Additionally, we are exploring potential new sites, such as the Lakefront and the Riverwalk, to enhance access and visibility for all.

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