



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR

May 29, 2017

Dear Friends:

As Mayor, and on behalf of the City of Chicago, I am proud and pleased to join the Chicago Chapter of American Veterans for Equal Rights for this Dedication Ceremony, and offer heartfelt congratulations on this, their 25th Anniversary.

Comprised of diverse servicemen and –women committed to advancing equal rights and advocating for equal treatment for all present and former members of the U.S. Armed Forces, the American Veterans for Equal Rights (AVER) has done just that since its inception. AVER is a chapter-based nonprofit and the Chicago Chapter’s dedicated membership has always supported LGBT veterans across the Chicagoland area through innovative programming and outreach. I commend the Chicago Chapter of AVER for their tireless work on behalf of veterans, and in building a more perfect union, open and affirming to all.

This special dedication could not come at a more important time as we observe Memorial Day and commemorate this milestone anniversary for the Chicago Chapter of AVER. This historic monument is a tribute to the sacrifice of our soldiers and a reminder of the service we owe to them, and to one another. Today we remember their courage and commitment, and honor them with one of the greatest gifts – community. In marking this day and dedicating this monument, I am honored to join residents and local leaders in truly thanking our veterans.

Again, I offer congratulations the Chicago Chapter of AVER on this anniversary, and sincere appreciation for their tireless efforts on behalf of LGBT veterans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rahm Emanuel".

Mayor