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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **Westar Energy will raise the flag in support of the Run for the Wall.**

Topeka, Kan., May 17, 2013 — On Monday, May 20, as scores of motorcycles pull into the Kansas Turnpike's Topeka service area at milepost 188 to refuel, they will pass under a 20' x 30' U.S. flag suspended from the raised booms of two Westar Energy utility trucks. The flag, on loan from Topeka's Laird Noller Lincoln Mercury dealership, is being raised to support and honor the riders participating in the "Run for the Wall," an annual motorcycle event to promote healing among all veterans and their families and friends. This year's Run for the Wall is celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> year of riders starting out in Los Angeles and ending up at the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C. to lay wreaths in advance of Memorial Day.

Weather permitting, Westar crews will be on site at 7:00 a.m. to suspend the flag welcoming the riders to the service area. The cycles will leave Junction City around 7:30 a.m. and are expected to arrive sometime around 8:30 a.m. The event should last about an hour before the riders move eastward in their trek toward D.C.

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