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WKU's annual Eric D. Yates Run goes virtual this year

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The Western Kentucky University Army ROTC program will host the Virtual Eric D. Yates Memorial Run on Sept. 24.

Participants in the 11th annual 5K Run and 2-Mile Walk are asked to follow social distancing rules and run their own route to honor the memory of Yates. Photos can be shared of one's run or walk using the #LTYatesRun or tag the WKU Army ROTC page on social media.

Yates, a 2008 WKU graduate and 2003 graduate of John Hardin High School from Rineyville, was killed in action Sept. 17, 2010, after an improvised explosive device detonated near his patrol in Afghanistan.

Yates served in the Army's 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division from Fort Campbell.

The annual event benefits the 1st Lt. Eric Yates Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Donations can be made at wku.edu/chf/eric-yates-sf/index.php.

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