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LHCP Update
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Songwriters Spotlight in June

The Songwriters Spotlight will host their fifth annual Healing Heroes concert to benefit the LHCP mission support. The concert will be held June 5, 2016 at Grace Chapel in Franklin, Tennessee. Appearing songwriters have not been finalized at time of the newsletter printing. Past



songwriters who have appeared included Mac Davis, Larry Gatlin, Leslie Satcher, Even Stevens, Paul Aldrich, Casey Beathard, Ed Hill, Tim Rushlow, Allen Shamblin, Larry Steward, and Raven Cliff. We are excited for another year of wonderful entertainment. We are so grateful for the Songwriters Spotlight and Grace Chapel for their continued support.

Unit Needs

At this time, we are placing focus on receiving monetary donations. Unit needs are fluid; and we can quickly respond using cash donations to purchase requested items.

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Loyal, Dedicated Support

I was asked recently why our Legion Riders group donates to the same charity year after year? So I asked a few of the other members and although there was no single consensus answer, we all agreed that as long as the Landstuhl Hospital Care Project is in existence – there would be no other choice for us! I joined the American Legion Riders, at about the turn of the Millennium while stationed in Kentucky, and took my membership with me on my final military transfer to Fort Lee, Virginia in 2002. In the course of participating in some Rider events with my Brothers and Sisters from the Stafford, VA Chapter – I became aware of a fledgling charity known as the 'LHCP'.

It immediately interested me as I had been a patient at and stationed near the Landstuhl (Germany) Regional Medical Center early in my military career. I retired from the U.S Army and returned to my home of record in early 2005. Later that year, some dedicated Legion family friends and I formed a new group in the upstate New York town of Norwich and the American Legion Riders were chartered at the LT Warren Eaton Post # 189. We went straight to work and we were eager to host a patriotic event to raise awareness for our new group as well Veterans and Veteran causes. As we put our heads together, I threw out the idea of doing something to benefit a charity removed from our county, state and almost the country. When I mentioned "Landstuhl", nearly everyone looked up. Almost anyone that has been close to someone in the military, has at least heard of the hospital. It was agreed we would look into it. I made an initial contact with Ms. Karen Grimord. *(Continue to Page 2.)*

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Loyal, Dedicated Support

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Karen was more than ecstatic that a group from out of her locale would be interested in helping the cause. She immediately volunteered to make the trek to New York whenever we decided to hold our event.

The day came (and so did Karen) in May of 2006. The morning was beautiful but the weatherman did not give much hope that it would remain so... He was not wrong! A small cadre of die-hard bikers and volunteers showed up and we had a ride and a day that was peppered with rain, sleet and torrential winds – we still managed to raise a nice sum and we made some memories and friends that none of us will ever forget! Fast forward 10+ years and here we are - making plans for our 11th Annual Benefit Run, in support of the LHCP! Along the way we have motivated other groups both near and far to add their support also. Other LHCP supporters have always helped to support our efforts too – like Ms. Judy Bagley who makes beautiful, patriotic pillows and blankets and sends them directly to us to use as door prizes and awards. We like to canvass the participants each year, for those that may have received treatment at the Landstuhl Hospital, for special recognition during the ride and sometimes we have been able to present them with one of Judy's beautiful handicrafts. It's always a very meaningful and special moment for all of us.

Our Chapter members all agree that what we like best about LHCP is that it is a smaller and more personal charity – the fact that we were able to become friends, whether in person or via email/internet, with the leaders has been awesome. We were initially attracted to the stated mission and we all could empathize with wounded service members showing up in a strange hospital (and country) with nothing but the bloodied uniform they were wearing. To be able to provide anything for those that have given and sacrificed so much... is so rewarding for us. The American Legion and its associated 'families' always try to 'give back' to their local communities. The Legion Riders of Post 189 consider our support of LHCP a way to "Give Back" to all the local

communities of our Nation and we are always in complete awe of the monumental amount of good works that LHCP does for the often forgotten people that guarantee the freedoms we all enjoy.

"Yankee" Bill Fowler, U.S. Army (Ret.)
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2016 Upcoming Events

21 MAY 2016

American Legion Riders LT Warren Eaton Post 189 in Norwich NY hosts annual benefit for LHCP mission support. Events start on Friday, 20 May. Ride starts on Saturday, 21 May.

5 JUN 2016

Songwriters Spotlight will present Healing Heroes annual concert to benefit the LHCP mission support at Grace Chapel in Franklin, TN.

11 JUN 2016

LHCP Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony at Arlington Cemetery, Virginia

AmVets Post 21 Poker Run

The Sons of AmVets Post 21 in Sebring, Florida hosted their annual benefit to support the LHCP mission on 27 FEB 2016. Riders from all different Legions, VFWs, and AmVet groups arrived for the run. The weather was beautiful. The event was successful

with great donations and support. Riders and supporters were entertained with live music, great BBQ, and lots and lots for door prizes. LHCP remains grateful to Sons of AmVets Post 21 for their continued support.



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January



Army SSG Robert L. Love, Jr., died 1 DEC 2006 while serving during OIF; age 28, of Livingston, AL; assigned to the 16th Engineer Battalion, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, Giessen, Germany; died of injuries when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle during combat operations in Ramadi, Iraq.

February



Army 1LT Jaime L. Campbell died 7 JAN 2006 while serving during OIF; age 25, of Ephrata, WA; assigned to the 1st Battalion, 207th Aviation Regiment, AK Army National Guard, Anchorage AK; killed when a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter crashed near Tal Afar, Iraq. Seven other Army Soldiers were killed in the crash.

March



Army SSG Jose C. Rosado died 2 JAN 2011 while serving during Operation New Dawn; age 38, of Vega Alta, PR; assigned to the 1013th Engineer (Sapper) Company of the Puerto Rico Army National Guard, Aguadilla, PR; died of wounds sustained when insurgents attacked his unit with an Iraq.