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Norwich A. L. Riders Post 189 Poker Run

The Norwich American Legion Riders 12th Annual Poker Run was held Saturday, 20 MAY 2017. Registration began at the American Legion Post 189 on 29 Sheldon Street in Norwich, NY. Kick stands went up at 11:00 a.m. The poker run was a leisurely, scenic 100+ mile ride with a chase vehicle, gas, and rest stops followed by a gathering and awards ceremony back at Post 189. The event was very successful raising over \$5,000 to help the LHCP mission. We are forever grateful for all the hard work and dedication the Riders provide for this event each year.



A. L. Riders Post 189 ready for Poker Run

Unit Needs Continue

At this time, LHCP is 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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LHCP Update

Honoring The Fallen

I was in Germany for less than a week. As chaplain for the Navy's Warrior Transition Program, I was responsible for the program's Decompression /Reintegration elements for the deployed stopping through Sembach for a week before heading home. Taking inventory of coats, blankets, snickers, etc., I stopped at a computer in a workshop room. A petty officer walked in and asked if I had seen the video. "The video?" "Sir, the video about the Landstuhl Hospital Care Project. You know the one where Mrs. Karen is in her garage packing boxes?" We watched in silence. Complete utter silence. I was moved to my very core. Here was a program that really understood the essence of sacrifice, gratitude, humility, and service. I could not wait to meet the heart behind this project. Over the next year, Karen became a friend. The story of LHCP became a source of constant inspiration. At the end of my tour she asked if I would represent the care givers as LHCP laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown. As a chaplain there are many things I stop and pray about. This was not one of them. I was absolutely honored to be part of this team. I wanted to share this opportunity with those closest to me. My mother and father, brother and his children, drove in from Oklahoma to join my wife and our three kids for this event. We arrived at the Grimord's; enjoyed a meal, packed some boxes headed down range, made new friends, and prepared the bouquets for the next day. The Tomb of the Unknown is sacred ground. The moment you drive onto Arlington National Cemetery, you realize very quickly the ground you are standing on is hallowed. As far as the eye can see, you are overwhelmed with the simple white markers of those who paid the ultimate sacrifice. As the wreath was laid, I couldn't help but notice the Nation's capital in the background. Our constitution, our democracy, our freedom, our rights, our recognized value came at such a high cost. A cost that fully engulfed the moment. We quickly made our way down the hill from the 'Tomb of the Unknown' to the 'Tombs of the Known.' We broke off into small groups and took bouquets; laid them at the tombs of men and women who were somehow directly connected to LHCP. Each of my children (ages 10, 14 and 17) read the stories of brave men and women we came to honor. We went to the Pentagon to observe and pay our respect to those killed on September 11. It was a moment I won't soon forget. I saw the dots connecting in my children's mind. I saw my father and mother paying their respect by laying flowers. I watched other service men and women and care givers make their way to individual tombs to say 'thank you.' I saw an organization that did not simply use the word "care" in its name... they actually care. Very respectfully, *Chaplain Stockstill*

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2017 Wreath Laying Participants

Troop Thanks

Here is a “thank you note” from a unit who received LHCP shipments. It reads . . .

“Look at all the boxes we got today from Karen R B Grimord and the Landstuhl Hospital Care Project! Thanks to them all of us will have new bedding, towels, socks, t-shirts, underwear, pillows, cups, and blankets! I can never say enough good things about this organization. They have truly made the difference for us and so many others that are serving so far away from home. Thank you Karen, LHCP, and all of your generous donors and supporters.”

It’s Christmas Stocking time. Get those sewing machines oiled up and fabric cut. Stitches of Love crafters send your finished stocking to Karen. Thanks!



Service members opening the LHCP packages

Songwriters 5th Annual Healing Heroes Concert

For the fifth year, the Healing Heroes Concert will be held at Grace Chapel in Franklin, Tennessee on September 10, 2017. The concert begins at 6:00 p.m. and doors open at 5:30 pm. Tickets are \$10 per person and can be purchased at the door. Each year various songwriters donate their time and talents for a great evening of laughter, music, and fun.

Here is a little history on how the concert series began. Five years ago, Korene and Even Stevens (Songwriters’ Spotlight) saw CBS “On the Road with Steve Hartman” highlighting LHCP’s mission and Karen Grimord’s talent for running a non-profit out of her two-car garage. The Stevens and David Allen have organized the Healing Heroes concert series each year there after. This event is one of



Leslie Satcher

biggest fund raisers held for LHCP.

Comedian, song writer and inspirational speaker, Paul Aldrich will be the master of ceremonies this year. The concert will feature LHCP’s long-time friend Leslie Satcher who has written “Troubador” (George

Strait), “When God Fearing Women Get The Blues” (Martina McBride), “For These Times” (Martina McBride), and “Politically Uncorrect” (Gretchen Wilson).

Dan Demay will also perform. He has written “If Something Should Happen” (Darryl Worley), “Everybody Does” (Martina McBride), “You Can’t Hide Redneck” (Tracy Lawrence), and “Illegals” (Cledus T. Judd).



Dan Demay

Raven Cliff will also perform their current single “Voodoo Whiskey” and other hits from their new album release “A Different Kind of Yellow Rose”.



Raven Cliff

Finally, there is a spot open for a fourth performer who we don’t have information at the time of this newsletter publication. A surprise may be in store for us.

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Honorees for 2nd Quarter 2017 Shipments

April



Marine LCpl. Jordan C. Haerter died 22 APR 2008 while serving during OIF; age 19, of Sag Harbor, NY; assigned to 1st Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, NC; died of wounds sustained while conducting combat operations in Ramadi, Iraq. Also killed was Cpl. Jonathan T. Yale.

May



Marine Cpl. Lucas T. Pyeatt died 5 FEB 2011 while serving during OEF; age 24, of West Chester, OH; assigned to 2nd Radio Battalion, II Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, NC; died while conducting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan.

June



Army SPC Levi E. Nuncio died 22 JUN 2011 while serving during OEF; age 24, of Harrisonburg, VA; assigned to 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, HI; died of wounds sustained when enemy forces attacked his unit with small-arms fire in Kunar province, Afghanistan.