LHCP Update

“Don’t Forget About Us and Give Up on Us”

Over the years we have featured board member updates on the front page, but what better way to speak of our mission than hearing from boots on the ground. In March we received an email from a former—and now current—contact who receives LHCP packages on behalf of troops with whom he serves in Afghanistan. His message is an important one—not to forget our defenders. During the first quarter of 2014, we have been helping to meet the needs of 13 units. Early in the second quarter, we are up to 24 units. Fewer organizations and individuals are supporting our deployed troops. Our mission is just as important now as it was at the height of the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan.

I would like to take this time to thank your organization and the people that work and volunteer in your organization for all that they provide for the men and women deployed away from their families. It is a huge morale booster when packages are received, and it is great for me as a leader to see the smiles that come to the Soldiers’ faces when they get items from the packages. Your organization was a great support for my troops back in 2012 when I was deployed to Afghanistan, and it is good to hear that you are still supporting the troops now that I am deployed again back to Afghanistan until sometime near the end of the year.

I know there are people out there that are probably asking, “Why are you still providing support for the troops when they are supposed to be leaving Afghanistan by the end of 2014?” In my opinion, the American public should show support for the troops until the last troops come home. My wife was actually just telling me yesterday that she had read an article talking about how a large coffee franchise (I won’t name them, but I am sure a lot of the people reading this drink it) thinks that the war should be done. They no longer support the effort; therefore, they no longer support the troops that are still fighting the war. Well, needless to say, we will no longer be buying any coffee from them. It is not the Soldier’s fault that we are still here fighting this war. We are just doing the job that we swore on an oath to do. If we are sent home earlier, great; but if we are told that we have to be here past 2014, then that is what we will do. For heaven’s sake, don’t forget about us and give up on us. We are here fighting for the freedom of those in the United States so they can sleep peacefully at night. I know that it can be easy just to say we are done providing support, but sometimes making that harder decision can be the more gratifying choice. In closing, I would like to thank Landstuhl Hospital Care Project for supporting those troops that are here till the end.

Army SFC, Medic

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Thank You Notes from Recipients of Our Donations

The wonderful email and “snail” mail we receive is posted on our website. Click on the “Troop Thanks” button to read more thank you notes that come to LHCP.

January 2014
I just wanted to let you know that your packages came and were given to SSG xx and 1LT Xx of D Co 1-8 CAV. They wanted to say thank you so much because it will be so much better for them. You literally filled their tents and now they will be very warm. Just last week we had snow, about 4 inches. I am requesting a picture for you as I don’t know if they will have got in touch with you yet? They are a busy group of soldiers. Anyway, I will be leaving. My time is soon ending here. Guess where I’m headed for leaving. My time is soon ending here. Guess where I’m headed for

Major O-D

Have an awesome day.

March 2014
Once again thank you for your donation to the CASF USO. Two boxes of wonderful warm blankets arrived, just in time, as our quilt and blanket supply was getting low.

We are always very thankful and appreciative of all that you send, and all that you do.

Thank you and all those in your organization, for their dedication and help.

Sincerely, CASF USO Staff

CASF stands for Contingency Aeromedical Staging Facility. The CASF provides medical service to service members who have been wounded or injured at deployed locations and are en route to a stateside location. A team of trained experts provides medical care and keeps patients comfortable in the hours while awaiting transportation to their next destination.

LHCP supports the CASF at Ramstein AFB.

March 2014
Chaplain’s Clothes Closet (CCC) Landstuhl Regional Medical Ctr

Thank you for your generous donation to the Chaplain’s Clothes Closet (CCC). Your donation will be used for direct support of our wounded warriors.

The CCC started in October 2001 at the onset of Operation Enduring Freedom and continues today to provide clothes and comfort items for wounded and ill warriors who come to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center for treatment. Frequently, they arrived here with minimal clothing items. The CCC provides new essential clothing and toiletry items for these men and women.

The Chaplain’s Closet serves more than 350 warriors each month. Since the Chaplain’s Closet is a non-funded humanitarian entity within the Department of Defense, we rely on the generous donations of fellow Americans and others. One hundred percent of all donations directly support our wounded and ill service members.

Please continue to pray for our wounded warriors and their families, and again thank you for your generous donation.

Sincerely,
Chaplain (Col) Baker, Jr.
Chief, Clinical Pastoral Division

Needed Items for the Wounded at LRMC and CSHs

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

Please make checks payable to:
Landstuhl Hospital Care Project
and send to:
Sharon Buck, LHCP Treasurer
4204 Summerville Road
Phenix City, AL 36867

Needed items are still posted on our website. Mail packages of requested items to:
Landstuhl Hospital Care Project
Attn: Karen Grimord
29 Greenleaf Terrace
Stafford, VA 22556

LHCP is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit organization.
On March 22, the Sons of AmVets Post 21 in Sebring, Florida sponsored its Second Annual Motorcycle Run to raise funds for Landstuhl Hospital Care Project. The course was from the AmVets Post in Sebring to Posts in Lake Placid and Avon Park, Florida, and then back to Sebring.

The Poker Run Benefit for LHCP was challenged with fewer donors than last year, but they delivered a stirring message, raising more funds this year than last year!

George Gray, the organizer of the Sebring event, first met LHCP President Karen Grimord at the Norwich, New York Legion motorcycle fundraiser. He wanted to spearhead an event in Sebring because, “I care about our troops who are serving us today.”

Karen Grimord attended the event. Highlights included presenting an LHCP quilt to a World War II veteran and being on hand to personally thank the LHCP supporters who raised over $5000.

George Gray is happy to spread the word about LHCP and “gives as much information as possible.” He tells others that LHCP “helps our wounded overseas, and when they are shipped back home to hospitals here in the US.”

Reflecting on his first contribution to LHCP, George says he gives, “Because I feel it is a very worthwhile cause. Our troops deserve every bit of help and recognition we can give them.”

Sebring Poker Run Raises More with Less

LHCP received 574 stockings to send to the troops for Christmas 2013. Thank you volunteers for making and donating these wonderful expressions of the holiday season.

Christmas Stockings

Each year, LHCP receives hundreds of Christmas stockings to send to our troops and the medical personnel who care for them. We have an amazing group of individuals who make and donate these stockings each year. LHCP received 574 stockings to send to the troops for Christmas 2013. Thank you volunteers for making and donating these wonderful expressions of the holiday season.
The Warrior Transition Program (WTP) relocated from Kuwait to Germany in Dec. 2013. The program started in 2007. WTP is a three to five day program where Sailors attend workshops designed to decompress them from the stresses related to serving in a combat zone. While there, Sailors of all ranks and warfare designators, including officers and enlisted who have served as staff, guards, medics, explosive technicians, postal clerks, working dog handlers, Sea Bees and more are supported by WTP staff. The newly renovated building has several ways for Sailors to decompress….It is equipped with an indoor gym, a relaxation room, a game room, several televisions, pool table and MWR computer with Wi-Fi internet throughout. "While there have been many improvements and a change in location to WTP, it's not the building, it's the people that make the difference in WTP," said Lt. Valerie Vestal, staff nurse.
LHCP Sponsors — Thank you for your generosity!

1st Quarter Sponsors 2014

Individuals & Families

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Professional Council of D.B.C.C., FL
St. Bernard’s Church, WI
Support 4 Soldiers, Unknown
The New Mark Middle School, MO
United Daughters of the Confederacy Loudon Chapter
170, VA
Youth Group, Unknown

Upcoming Calendar Events for 2014

For 2014, we have several sponsored events confirmed. Mark your calendars. Maybe an event is local to you and you can join in on the fun.

Here is what we have on our calendar for the first half of 2014:

10 MAY 2014
Tomb of the Unknowns Wreath Laying Ceremony, Arlington National Cemetery, Virginia. We will also remember our Honorees buried at Arlington with flowers.

17 MAY 2014
The 9th annual LHCP Benefit Poker Run sponsored by the American Legion Riders of American Legion LT Warren Eaton Post 189 in Norwich, New York will be held on Armed Forces Day.

22 JUN 2014
Nashville Songwriters Annual Benefit Concert in Franklin, Tennessee.

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Honorees for 1st Quarter 2014 Shipments

January

Army Sgt. Anthony O. Magee age 29, of Hattiesburg, MS.; assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Benning, GA; died April 27, 2010 at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Germany of wounds sustained April 24 at Contingency Operating Base Kalsu, Iskandariyah, Iraq, when enemy forces attacked his unit with indirect fire.

February


March

Marine Lance Cpl. Christopher L. Camero, age 19, of Kailua Kona, HI; assigned to 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Twenty-nine Palms, CA; died July 12, 2011 of wounds suffered July 6 in Helmand province, Afghanistan, while conducting combat operations.

For more information on our Honorees, go to: www.LandstuhlHospitalCareProject.org