From Our President

Dear Supporters,

I have the honor of writing to thank you, our dedicated supporters, and to highlight the amazing people who Hope For The Warriors® has worked with throughout 2010. Individuals, families, and corporations throughout this thankful nation opened their hearts to the service members and families who have continued to forge ahead, in both Iraq and Afghanistan, ensuring the successful completion of their mission. They are strong, brave and dedicated to the task at hand. Because of their unwavering commitment and self-sacrifice, Hope For The Warriors® will continue to grow in its resolve to support them now and for years to come.

The past year has been another one of tremendous growth for Hope For The Warriors®. We extended our outreach into the smallest towns in this nation, where the heart of the American service member resides, all the way to the nation’s capital.

I am pleased to announce that, this year, we opened a regional office in the National Capital Area, further broadening our reach and ability to support our mission. Our new office enables us to make frequent visits to National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, MD and Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, D.C. We will continue the personal outreach and ongoing assistance to patients and families recovering and rehabilitating at these hospitals in addition to supporting the medical staff that tirelessly cares for them.

Integrated case management within the Immediate Needs and Family Support programs continues to provide immediate financial assistance to our wounded heroes in desperate times of need and their families as they navigate through long-term recovery.

Our Team, supported by runners, bikers, and cyclists throughout the country, participated in races and athletic endurance events from California to Maine and overseas, offering a level of morale and recovery unrivaled by medication and traditional therapy.

Our scholarships continue to provide new opportunities to deserving spouses and caretakers of our wounded and fallen, increasing their capability to care for their families.

We are proud to announce a new partnership with Buckmasters®, which has opened up avenues for much needed respite and new experiences for wounded service members. Buckmasters® and Hope For The Warriors® have jointly launched Outdoor Adventures, a program providing adaptive opportunities for wounded to participate in sporting activities in the great outdoors.

The upcoming year promises to be another remarkable one. The community of men and women we serve will be able to look to us to continue to provide assistance and to give their voice a power they could not possibly hope to achieve on their own. The dedication of our staff, volunteers, and Board of Directors will continue to ensure that your donations go directly to those that have sacrificed in defense of our country’s freedoms. I encourage you to read the 2010 Four Seasons of Hope and be inspired by today’s heroes and your efforts toward ensuring that their sacrifices are not forgotten, nor their needs unmet.

Very respectfully,

Robin Kelleher
President/CEO
Program Spotlights

A Warrior’s Wish®

Wounded Hero and High School Sweetheart Wedding
Wish Comes True

Medically retired combat veteran SSgt Karl Newman, USMC, and his high school sweetheart, Jana Ward, planned their dream wedding this past summer 2010. Although they lost contact for 10 years during Newman’s time on active-duty, life-changing events in Iraq led Newman home to Illinois and back into the arms of the love of his life. They wished to be married in a small ceremony on the beach with eleven of their closest family members and friends, including a fellow wounded Marine from Newman’s unit during his combat tour. The wedding in Maui was made possible by the Hope For The Warriors® program A Warrior’s Wish®.

Neither one of us lost feelings for each other and we were in total amazement how we ended up back together...just like a wish or dream come true,” shared Newman.

Desperately wanted a wedding ceremony befitting of their fairy-tale romance, Newman applied for A Warrior’s Wish®. Recognizing that the warrior’s positive spirit is an integral part of the rehabilitation process, we fulfilled his Wish for a storybook wedding.

He suffered from severe traumatic brain injury, as well as post traumatic stress disorder, and tinnitus.

Newman deployed to Iraq in 2006. On February 21, he was knocked unconscious by an improvised explosive device (IED) outside of Fallujah and was evacuated and treated for traumatic brain injury, hearing loss, vertigo, vestibular issues, and ankle and shoulder injuries. Despite these injuries, Newman chose to return back to his unit. On June 28, another IED exploded in closer proximity to Newman. Newman was ultimately evacuated to Encinitas Memorial Hospital in San Diego to begin a long, slow rehabilitation process. When he arrived, he could not walk, talk or hear. The second IED resulted in an even more severe traumatic brain injury, as well as post traumatic stress disorder, tinnitus and more. Newman continues to suffer from all of these injuries today.

TBI and PTSD in the Armed Forces

Traumatic brain injury and post traumatic stress disorder are invisible war wounds, but are just as scarring.

60% portion of total OIF bomb blast victims with TBI

67,717 OEF/OIF vets being treated for PTSD, January 2008

Program Spotlights

Immediate Needs

182 service members assisted in 2010

Hope For The Warriors® works daily with wounded service members, their families, and families of the fallen to meet immediate financial needs resulting from a service member’s combat related injury. Recently, a VA case manager contacted Hope For The Warriors® regarding an injured service member the organization had previously assisted—an Army Specialist, struggling after being medically discharged. Now, just one year later, he is thriving in a civilian job, is living independently in a new apartment, and pursuing a degree while attending night school. In July, we supported his achievements with funds for food and household supplies. This is just one story illustrating the importance of the Hope For The Warriors® Immediate Needs program. One small grant can make a difference for our wounded service members.

Spouse/Caregiver Scholarships

10 scholarships awarded totaling $42,500

Outdoor Adventures

Into The Wild

Hope For The Warriors® is very proud to have launched a new program this year: Outdoor Adventures. The program, in coordination with Buckmasters® and the Bassmaster Elite Series, provides adaptive opportunities for wounded service members to participate in sporting activities in the great outdoors. Service members, who previously embraced an outdoorsman lifestyle, as well as those new to wilderness sports, are introduced to recreational opportunities on the road to recovery.

Immediate Needs supported $211,778

Immediate Needs Total Allocated: $211,778.51

- Rent: 38%
- Mortgage: 10%
- Electric: 11%
- Food: 11%
- Other: 5%
- Cable/Phone: 5%
- Water: 2%
- Gas (Home): 2%
- Gas (Car): 2%

Family Support

$54,155

assisted families covering childcare, travel expenses, and unexpected lodging expenses during long-term medical treatment
Events Near You

National Capital Area

1st Annual Got Heart, Give Hope Gala and Hope & Courage Award Ceremony

On April 22, 2010, Hope For The Warriors® honored wounded service members, their families, and families of the fallen at the 1st Annual Got Heart, Give Hope Gala at Union Station in Washington, D.C. Hope & Courage Awards were given to combat wounded service members from each branch of the military, all of whom inspire others with remarkable stories of recovery and achievement. Actor Gary Sinise hosted the award ceremony and Kenneth Fisher, Chairman and CEO of the Fisher House Foundation, gave the keynote address.

The black-tie event drew a crowd of local business leaders and senior military including the Commandant (then Assistant Commandant) of the Marine Corps and his wife, Gen. and Mrs. James Amos, Medal of Honor recipient, Col. & Mrs. H. C. Barney Barnum, USMC, (Ret.) and Gen. & Mrs. Richard Cody, USA. The evening’s emcee was 1st Lt. Ed Salau, NC USA (Ret.), a combat amputee who currently works as a civilian at the U.S. Marine Corps’ Wounded Warrior Battalion East, Camp Lejeune, NC.

New York City

65th Anniversary Celebration of Iwo Jima Survivors

On February 20, 2010, The Iwo Jima Survivors Association of New York hosted an evening at Chateau Briand in Carle Place, NY celebrating and commemorating the 65th Anniversary of the Battle of Iwo Jima. Proceeds from the event benefitted Hope For The Warriors®. The black-tie evening honored the legacy of WWII survivors in solidarity with service members of present day conflicts. New York corporate and political leaders greatly supported the event.

The speakers highlighted generations of service. Col. H.C. Barney Barnum, Vietnam Medal of Honor Recipient, and Cpl. Zach Briseno, USMC (Ret.), a recently wounded amputee, honored the service and sacrifice of the past and present generations. Attendees enjoyed a video presentation, which honored Iwo Jima survivors and featured a special message from Gen. Charles Krulak, USMC (Ret.), 31st Commandant of the Marine Corps. Twenty-six survivors from the Battle of Iwo Jima were in attendance. The event raised over $30,000 to support the efforts of Hope For The Warriors® and its programs.

North Carolina

9/11 Hope Ride - 5th Annual Poker Run

For the first time, the 9/11 Hope Ride – 5th Annual Poker Run offered three start venues, each situated near a large military installation: Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in Goldsboro, Fort Bragg Army Base in Fayetteville, and Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune in Jacksonville. Riders drew cards at four stops before the fifth card group finished at Mad Boar Restaurant and Bar in Wallace, NC. Hope For The Warriors® would like to extend sincere appreciation to the Rough Riders M/C, the Leathernecks and the Guardian Brotherhood for their support of this event and their continued support of our mission. Hope For The Warriors® has received ongoing support from the motorcycle community, ensuring the continued success of its poker runs. This Poker Run proved the first of its kind in eastern North Carolina. More than 500 bikers participated in the special event commemorating 9/11 and bringing together veterans young and old. The event united the community, reminding all about the sacrifices made by those who lost their lives on 9/11 and the special bond that will always be between our military, police officers, and firefighters as they protect and defend our freedom.
Events Near You

Florida
The Villages Veterans Weekend
The Villages, FL hosted amazing events in honor of Veterans Day and Hope For The Warriors® this year. The celebration started on Veterans Day at The Villages Veterans Memorial Park. The Marine Corps League Detachment 1267 hosted a Dragon Boat Race for wounded warriors—quite an experience for all. A special thank you to Palmer Legends for donating private golf lessons for wounded service members and Callaway donated and provided private fittings for new drivers for each service member. The 2nd Annual Hope “Fore” The Warriors Golf Classic® was a huge success as 42 teams entered to play. The Villages also gathered over 3,000 golf cars for a golf car parade over the weekend. Country music singer John Michael Montgomery, who was in town and stayed at the same hotel, dedicated “Letters From Home” to our wounded heroes as he sang in the hotel lounge and entertained guests with a few songs. President George W. Bush stopped by the golf academy prior to the start of the tournament to meet with the wounded service members. He shared some memories, expressing how honored he felt to be commander in chief. He was moved when the warriors said they would serve for him again. The weekend was remarkable thanks to the efforts of many. The entire weekend brought in more than $100,000 for Hope For The Warriors®

Texas
3rd Annual Texas Wounded Warrior Celebrity Pro-Am
The three-day event began with a celebratory dinner at K E Bushman’s Winery and Celebration Center, hosted by Pierre de Wet. A military flyover opened the ceremony, including two WWII-era planes. Numerous celebrities entertained while everyone enjoyed the kickoff dinner and mingled with PGA Pros and military service members.

“Events like these unite the veteran communities with civilians and corporations, ensuring a future of hope and support. This annual event will expand the possibilities for other similar events across the country.”

- Maj. Gen. Robert Dickerson, USMC (Ret.)

Sunday proved to be a special day as wounded service members enjoyed a round of golf in the morning with children from The First Tee, a nonprofit that provides young people of all backgrounds an opportunity to develop life-enhancing values such as confidence, perseverance and judgment through golf and character education. Each warrior was paired with two children for a six hole competition at The Cascades.

The 3rd Annual Texas Wounded Warrior Celebrity Pro-Am at Willow Brook Country Club was a huge success as 21 teams entered to play and sixteen wounded service members attended the weekend events. Wounded warriors were grouped with golf pros and participants into teams of five. The event raised over $50,000 for Hope For The Warriors®.
Athletic Spotlights

Team Hope For The Warriors™
Team Hope For The Warriors™ expanded tremendously to have an incredible 2010-race season. Team members across the country and around the world competed in more than 35 races and raised more than $324,000. Team Hope For The Warriors™ includes 226 members, 37 of which are combat wounded. Thank you, our wonderful volunteers and supporters, for inviting your friends and family members to join the Team in honor of our wounded service members. Please remember, it is never too late to add another race to your schedule and continue spreading the word about Hope For The Warriors®.

Run For The Warriors®
The 2010 Run For The Warriors® race series was an overwhelming success. With new race venues added, the series now includes eight. Hope For The Warriors® raised $361,000 thanks to our incredible supporters. Volunteers across the country dedicated their time and effort to thank our warriors and to have a chance to race beside them. Are you interested in bringing Run For The Warriors® to your city or town? Contact Casey O’Donnell at casey@hopeforthewarriors.org or 212.471.9504.

American Odyssey Relay Run Adventure
Charity Partnership Continues
In spring 2010, Hope For The Warriors® became one of the new charity partners and beneficiaries of the American Odyssey Relay Run Adventure. This exciting road race involves a team of 12 runners who take turns running a collective 204 miles over 36 hours on a journey from Gettysburg, Pennsylvania to Washington, D.C. The route takes the runners through several Civil War battlefields and along the C & O Canal. It finishes at the monuments of our nation’s capital. In the 2010 relay, one team made up of the family and friends of Hope For The Warriors® staff member Joyce DeMoose raised over $10,000 to support the organization. The next relay will take place April 29-30, 2011 and Hope For The Warriors® will have several teams made up of members from Team Hope For The Warriors™, Hope For The Warriors® staff members, and wounded service members who will handcycle parts of the race. If you are interested in participating in this very special and historic event, please contact Kate Barto at 910.382.7535 or kate@hopeforthewarriors.org.

6,170 total participants

Run For The Warriors® Expands
Princeton, NJ (Princeton University)
Jacksonville, NC
Tikrit, Iraq
New York, NY
Shelton, CT
New Brunswick, NJ (Rutgers University)
San Diego, CA
Long Island, NY

total funds raised
$361,000
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