



Beef and Beer – It truly was a great success - see below!!

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank everybody that helped make our first annual beef and beer a huge success. Whether you showed up, provided baskets, sold Philly's tickets or were there in spirit we all made a difference. I have received a great many response's from our GSF's on how much fun they had. Many traveled as far as two hours away to attend and that's says volumes about what we do and how it affects the people and families involved. I have to say without the help from my brother Knights it would have been very difficult to accomplish this task. When I approached them with the idea of a beef and beer they did not hesitate to step up and provide the man power to handle the hall, cook and serve the food as well as tend bar.

We had many different people from many different clubs and organizations. These organizations share the same passion as we do, and it is always a honor to be associated with them.

In closing I want to send out a huge thank you to my daughter Jessica who did a fantastic job with the singing of our National Anthem, with all the singing she has done this is the first time she has sang the Anthem...after she was done she told me that it was so emotional for her to do that in the middle of the song her knees buckled.....Great Job Baby!!!!!!

Rich (Tiny) Naticcione

And of course we must add – great job Tiny and Gladys!!!!!!

Ten Years – Yes – this year is the anniversary of the terrorist attack on America which of course led directly to Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

On Sunday September 25th, 2011, we will be holding a special ceremony at the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial to Honor and Remember the four NJ Heroes who died in the attack on the Pentagon.

Navy Captain Robert Edward Dolan – Florham Park, NJ.

Commander Patrick Dunn – Woodbridge , NJ.

Lieutenant Commander Patrick Jude Murphy – Berkeley Heights, NJ.

AW1 Joseph John Pycior Jr. – Carlstadt, NJ.

This ceremony will be conducted by the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps, NWS Earle Division.

Master Sgt Jamal H. Bowers - It is with great sadness that we add Master Sgt Jamal H. Bowers to the Wall of NJ Heroes.... <http://www.njrunforthe fallen.org/msgt-jamal-h-bowers.html>

Master Sgt Bowers apparently died of natural causes at Camp Lemonier, Djibouti, Operation Enduring Freedom – Horn of Africa.

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Master Sgt. Jamal H. Bowers, 41, of Newark, N. J. died March 18 at Camp Lemonier in Djibouti, Africa, in a noncombat incident. He was assigned to the 6th Military Information Support Battalion, 4th Military Information Support Group (Airborne), Fort Bragg, N.C.

Master Sgt. Bowers deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in September 2010 and had previously deployed twice in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. A native of New Jersey, Bowers served with the Marine Corps in Panama, Japan, and on the Iraq-Saudi Arabia border prior to joining the Army in 1999 as a Combat Engineer. In 2001, after attending language and psychological operations training, Bowers became a Psychological Operations Specialist. He was assigned to Company A, 6th Military Information Support Battalion (Airborne). In addition to deploying in support of multiple operations, he was an instructor at the Psychological Operations Qualification Course at the U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School. His military education includes the Psychological Operations Qualification Course, Basic Instructor Training, Advanced Leaders Course, the Air Assault Course, the Army Airborne School, Equal Opportunity Leader's Course, and the Warrior Leader's Course.

Master Sergeant Bowers' awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy Achievement Medal with "V" device, the Army Commendation Medal (3), the Army Achievement Medal (5), the Navy Combat Action Ribbon, the Army Good Conduct Medal (4), the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal (2), the Southwest Asia Service Medal, the Iraqi Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global



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War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, the Combat Action Badge, Parachutist Badge and Air Assault Badge. Master Sergeant Bowers was posthumously awarded the Meritorious Service Medal.

He is survived by his wife, Kawana King-Bowers of Fayetteville; his son, Specialist Jamal Bowers Jr. of Fort Bragg; daughters, Surita Bowers of Garner, and Clarice and Denise Kimp of Fayetteville; and his parents, Leroy and Mary Bowers of Orange, N.J.

<http://www.soc.mil/Memorial%20Wall/Bios/Bowers,%20Jamal.pdf>

Gold Star Family Remembrance area – Vietnam Veterans’ Memorial. – The Trustees of the NJ Vietnam Veterans’ Memorial Foundation have approved our plan to establish an area dedicated to our NJ Heroes from all conflicts. We will be sending out a separate letter with full details but it consists of 3 different phases.

Phase 1 to be completed by September 25, 2011 will be the addition of a flagpole and base dedicated to flying the Honor and Remember Flag.

Phase 2 to be completed by September 24, 2012 will be the replacement of the ten existing picnic tables which are immediately adjacent to the area where the flagpole will be. We will be putting out an appeal very shortly to solicit donations of the picnic tables and donors will be recognized by a plaque to be added to “their” table.

Phase 3 to be completed by September 24, 2013 will be the design and installation of panels in this area that will explain who Gold Star Families are and explain the meaning of the various elements that make up the Honor and Remember Flag.

We are also working toward the establishment of an appropriate area at Sunset Beach in Cape May, NJ.

Upcoming Events

Saturday April 9, 2011- Nam Knights Del Val Chapter BEEF & BEER 6pm - 10pm at the Knights of Columbus, 943 Bridgeboro St., Delran, NJ.
DJ, Food, Fun, Beer. Raffle, Chinese Auction & 50/50. Proceeds to benefit Veterans & Police Officers in their time of need. Donation \$20. Purchase tickets at JD's Sports Bar, 200 Madison St., Riverside, NJ 856-461-8742 or online via PayPal at <http://www.delvalnamknights.org/>

Sunday April 30, 2011- Rolling Thunder NJ2 8th Annual Candlelight Vigil 7pm, Toms River Armory, 1200 Whitesville Rd. Toms River, New Jersey 08753 732-349-6090 Come out and join Rolling Thunder(R) Inc. NJ Chapter 2 show support for these heroes. Vigil held inside so weather is not a factor. <http://www.rollingthunder-nj2.org> Honoring New Jersey's Fallen Heroes & Their Families.

Sunday May 15, 2011
The Inaugural Harmon Meadow Run For The Warriors® is part of a nationwide race series honoring combat wounded service members in the local community and families of the fallen. The race has been made possible in cooperation with the Town of Secaucus and by the generous support of Presenting Sponsor, Hartz Mountain Industries, Inc. All proceeds from the 5K will benefit Hope For The Warriors®, a national nonprofit organization that supports wounded U.S. service members, their families, and families of the fallen. <http://www.kintera.org/faf/home/default.asp?ievent=456720>

Saturday May 28, 2011
8:30am. WIA/KIA Memorial 5K Run and Family Walk, Medford, NJ.. All proceeds go to NJ Mission of Honor, NJ Run for the Fallen and South Jersey Wounded Veterans and Families. <http://www.wiakiawalkrun.com/>



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What is this???? To save inundating everyone with emails we will be sending out these digests instead and also making them available to read and download on our website. Please feel free to send these on to family/friends etc. and help us spread the word about the 2011 NJ Run for the Fallen.

Sponsors – do you know anyone who may be interested in becoming a sponsor? Please go to <http://www.njrunforthefallen.org/sponsors.html> for more information and to see who our sponsors and supporters are...

We wish to thank the following who have recently signed on as sponsors and we sincerely thank them for their generosity....

American Legion Post 372 of Cherry Hill, NJ.
Blue Star Mothers of the Jersey Shore Chapter 4.
Knights of Columbus Council 13259, Woodbury, NJ.

Please feel free to contact myself or Tiny with any questions.

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