

Welcome Home Military Heroes

Newsletter

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Welcome Home SPC Devin Wathen



Arroyo Grande Native Devin Wathen joined the United States Army in 2014. After Basic Training, he became a Multiple Launch Rocket System Crewmember and was stationed at Fort Bragg, NC.

In 2016, He deployed to the Middle East.

On June 25, 2017, he returned home to the Central Coast. The welcome home had over 40 people which included Welcome Home Military Heroes, American Legion Riders and friends and family!

Fun Fact:

When SPC Wathen returned back to Fort Bragg, NC, he went on a trip to Washington DC and ran into WWII Veterans from Honor Flight Central Coast. Shows how small the world is!!

Thank You Blacklake Golf Resort!!

Memorial Day weekend always begins one of our favorite summer events at Blacklake Golf Resort, who graciously hosts a series of summer concerts to honor our military men and women. For the fourth consecutive year, we were invited to attend and this year was exceptional as always! Jack Hardy, local country music star, opened up for his son JD Hardy for remarkable show. We also wanted to mention that the staff at Blacklake Golf Resort donated \$1,000 to WHMH! We greatly appreciate their continued support and our shared vision to support our troops.

HUGE ANNOUNCEMENT!



We are happy to announce that we will be pairing up with Peacock Cellar in Arroyo Grande for our third annual Fundraiser!

On November 13, come join us for a great BBQ, wine, and silent auction.

During the event, we will recognize our Veterans, meet the Founders of Welcome Home Military Heroes and have a chance to learn more about the organization.

Please save the date! More announcements about event will be posted on our Facebook page (located on last page).

Date: Nov 12, 2017

Time: 1pm-3pm

Cost: \$10 (\$0 For Veterans)

Pismo Beach Memorial Day Ceremony

Member of Welcome Home Military Heroes help a flag line for the Pismo Beach Memorial Day Ceremony.

By the end of the Ceremony over 200 people were in attendance including 20 members of WHMH.

We had WWII, Korean, Vietnam and Afghanistan Veterans with us and Co-Founder Cheryl Tolan spoke about their sacrifice and commitment to this country. She also spoke about the Honor Flight Trip that honor those Veterans!



Welcome Home Honor Flight

The second quarter for Welcome Home Military Heroes has been busy with Honor Flight Central Coast.

Three out of our four current board members serve on the board or volunteer with Honor Flight.

Honor Flight had two flights this quarter, sending over 40 WWII & Korean Veterans. WHMH provides a sendoff and welcome home for each flight.

The Veterans gets to San Luis Obispo Airport at 5am to start loading up to head to DC. At the same time members of WHMH arrive at the airport to meet these great Veterans and to send them off.

Three days later members arrive back at airport around 10pm and welcome them back!

In Memory of Cowboy Steve!

Steve Wahl of Nipomo passed away in April. Mr. Wahl was an Army Veteran.

WHMH along with Band of Brother performed all Military ceremonies for the Funeral.



In Memory of Doug Bathe

Arroyo Grande Native Doug Bathe passed away after a training accident as a DOD contractor at Fort Hunter Liggett. Mr. Bathe served in the US Marines for four years. Mr. Bathe went on to retired as a Major in the California National Guard. WHMH held a flag line at the funeral.



Patriot of the Quarter

Dr. Clare Morgan D.C

Article from Palmer University

“Our family has a motto, ‘Honor what is honorable.’ We have always been grateful to those who serve,” says Clare (Pelkey) Morgan, D.C., West ’85. After graduating from Palmer’s West campus, Dr. Morgan established a private practice in rural central California and then went on to provide chiropractic care within a multidisciplinary medical clinic aiding the region’s underserved population. Later, after moving to the Washington, D.C., metro area, she had the opportunity to serve our nation’s heroes. In 2012 she became the first woman chiropractor to acquire staff privileges at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. “During the dark days of the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, there was a need waiting to be filled,” she says. “My father served in the Navy, as did my husband, Bill. We have two sons who are currently serving in the military and a daughter who will

commission after she graduates from college next year. So I found myself wanting to ‘honor what is honorable.’ Volunteering was a way I could give back for what they, along with so many others, have done for me.” “The demand for chiropractic care at Walter Reed increased during this heightened time of war,” she adds. “Not only was there a six-week waiting list for an appointment as a new chiropractic patient, but more and more women, especially those coming back from combat zones, were asking for a female chiropractor. I was honored to help fill that need.” One of the highlights for Dr. Morgan at Walter Reed was having the opportunity to take care of the U.S. Naval Academy football team members. “They loved receiving chiropractic care, and for many of them, this was their introduction to what we do,” she says. “They were enthusiastic about receiving care and always very grateful.” Caring for members of our nation’s military should be thought of as an honor, she says. “If given the opportunity to treat anyone in this patient population, remember the

sacrifices they and their families make. Provide the same care that you would to someone you love. But of course, I think we should do that with all of our patients.”





About Us

Our MISSION is to WELCOME HOME all of our LOCAL returning troops (R&R or permanent return) and THANK each and every one of them for a job well done! Our Troops are never forgotten and are thought about in everything we do. Our prayers are for their safe & speedy return. They make us very proud to be Americans.

The SUCCESS of our MISSION are the folks in our group. Veterans, American Legion Riders, Patriot Guard Riders, Military Parents & Friends and Patriotic Individuals give of their time for our Local Sons & Daughters returning home.

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"No Duty is more Urgent than that of returning thanks!"

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