

Raider Foundation Fall 2018 Wrap Up

The 6th running of the Mimosa Bay Turkey Trot showcased the power of community and "Gung Ho!," raising over \$8,300 for the Marine Raider Foundation. The event that started way back in 2012 with Mimosa Bay resident Christina Actis, who passed the baton to Jennifer Tucker in 2016, has become an annual November tradition in the Mimosa Bay neighborhood. Over \$25,000 has been raised throughout the event's history, which is amazing! Local businesses step up each year to sponsor the family-friendly event. Thank you to Jennifer and her race committee, Scott and Marty Pettus, for their hard work. We also thank event sponsors North Shore Family Dentistry, East Coast Consolidated, SafeHouse Tactical, Wynn Homes, Brittany Spencer Broker/Realtor, First Command Financial Planning, Roth Construction Services, Rick's Repair Service, Baked Pizza Company, Marine Chevrolet, Whitekettle Chiropractic, Sneads Ferry Family Pharmacy, Dirty South Bar & Grill, Thompson Brown & Company, Salty Turtle Beer Co., Food Lion, Minervini's New York Bagel Company, The Crooked Lotus, and Results Driven Fitness.



The Tideland 24, a 24 hour ultra-run through the Croatan Forest of Eastern NC, kicked off bright and early on the morning of January 26th after being delayed due to storm damage caused by Hurricane Florence. Jason LaDoyen and his crew hosted 63 runners, with the youngest runner being only 10 years old and the most mature runner being a young 72! Runners traversed the 1.37-mile loop, braving chilly morning temperatures and having the beautiful Croatan Forest as their backdrop. Awards were presented to the top three male and top three female finishers, as well as top active-duty finishers. Five runners earned the coveted Tideland 24 100-Mile Belt Buckle, with the top finisher completing 108 miles during the 24-hour period. Congratulations to everyone who chose to #Run4Raiders and put in some major

mileage at the Tideland 24! Special thanks to Jason LeDoyen for his unwavering support of the Marine Raider Foundation and for once again putting on a stellar race!



On February 2nd, the 8th Annual GD Varsity Hockey Military Night took place, where high school varsity hockey teams from Groton-Dunstable and North Middlesex took to the ice, honoring all whom have served in the armed forces and paying special tribute to Marine Raider Sergeant William Weitowicz, a 2009 Groton-Dunstable graduate who gave his life in service to our nation on June 7, 2011 during combat operations in Afghanistan. Proceeds from the evening were donated to the Marine Raider Foundation. Special thanks to Aidan Ferrera for coordinating the event and connecting with the Foundation about supporting its mission!

The Marine Raider Foundation would like to thank everyone who contributed to our mission. In 2018, with your help, support and generosity, the Foundation provided over \$925,000 to the Raider community! Thank you for your “Gung Ho!” spirit of working together to accomplish the mission!

Upcoming Raider Foundation Events



May 1-4, 2019

Mission2Alpha (formerly Operation Hero Project) California Challenge Bike Ride, AZ to CA, raising funds for the Raider community and first responders. Cyclists will pedal over 430 miles over four days, ending at the USS Midway in San Diego. You can support a cyclist by visiting <https://www.classy.org/event/mission2alpha-california-challenge/e206379>

May 7-10, 2019

3rd Annual Rucking for Raiders, Auburn, AL to Navarre, FL - Rucking for Raiders, comprised of the Marines, Sailors and Midshipmen of Auburn University NROTC will embark on a 209-mile memorial ruck from Auburn, Alabama to Navarre, Florida, ending at the Blackhawk Memorial honoring the crew of Yanky 72 and Marine Raiders Captain Stanford Shaw, Master Sergeant Thomas Saunders, Staff Sergeant Marcus Bawol, Staff Sergeant Trevor Blaylock, Staff Sergeant Liam Flynn, Staff Sergeant Kerry Kemp, and Staff Sergeant Andrew Seif. The memorial ruck honors MARSOC's 43 fallen heroes. Since its first year in 2017, the event has raised over \$24,000 for the Marine Raider Foundation. You can support the memorial ruck by visiting their page on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/rucking4raiders/>

May 15, 2019

2nd Annual Marine Raider Foundation Salute to NYC, New York Athletic Club, NYC
Food and drink, live and silent auction, paddle raise, and special guest speakers will make for a memorable evening at the historic New York Athletic Club. For event and sponsorship details, please contact Sarah Christian:
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June 20, 2019

2nd Annual Marine Raider Invasion Golf Tournament, Pelican Hill Golf Club, Newport Beach, CA. Details coming soon!

June 20-23, 2019

Marine Raider Foundation Resiliency & Remembrance Event, San Diego, CA

September, 2019

6th Annual Seaside Semper Five 5K & 1 Mile Run, Seaside Heights, NJ. A great family event on the Jersey Shore!
Details coming soon to www.seasidesemperfive.org

October 5, 2019

Marine Raider Foundation AZ Suitcase Party Gala, Chateau Luxe, Scottsdale, AZ. A magical and memorable evening including cocktails, dinner, musical entertainment, special guests, live and silent auction! Come with your suitcase packed and ready, as one lucky couple will be whisked away for a 2-night stay at an amazing destination!
Sponsorship information and event details coming soon!

October 27, 2019

Marine Raider Foundation Marine Corps Marathon, Ultra & 10K Charity Partner Team, Washington, DC. #Run4Raiders with the Marine Raider Foundation in the 2019 Marine Corps Marathon. Our Charity Partner Team has slots for the Marine Corps Marathon, 10K, and new this year, the 50K! Join our team and earn a custom race t-shirt, be in the “running” for fundraising incentives, attend our team celebration dinner the night before the race, and know you are making a difference in the Raider community with each and every mile you train and race! Please visit the link below to learn more and sign up today! <https://www.firstgiving.com/event/marsoc/2019-MCM-10K-Ultra-Charity-Partner-Team> Race slots are limited and available on a first-come/first-serve basis!

November 2, 2019

Tideland 24 -- 24 Hours of Running in the Croatan Forest, Cedar Point, NC. Lace up those trail shoes and embark on a 24-hour journey through the Croatan Forest as you attempt to reach that 100-mile distance and earn the Tideland 24 100-Mile Belt Buckle! Please visit www.tideland24.com to learn more! Tideland 24 is a non-profit organization and all proceeds from the race event are donated to the Marine Raider Foundation.