



**D**ear Friends of the Marine Raider Foundation -

As we celebrate the holidays, the Marine Raider Foundation would like to take time to thank you for supporting the Marine Raider community. Over the past 7 1/2 years, thanks to your generosity, the Foundation has provided well over \$4.5 million in assistance to Marine Raiders and their families. Marine Raiders train and deploy knowing that there are people standing by to help them and their families during times of need. The impact you continue to make through your support of the Foundation is long-lasting and life-changing. This year alone, the Foundation has provided over \$900,000 in assistance to Raiders and their families, thanks to your belief in our mission. In 2019, you have helped to:

- Provide critical medical equipment not covered by health insurance for 32 wounded, ill and injured Marine Raiders
- Provide travel funding for 20 Raider families, allowing them to be bedside while their Marine Raider is hospitalized due to being wounded, ill or injured
- Provide funding for the 2019 Resiliency and Remembrance Event that hosted over 100 MARSOC Gold Star Families in Coronado, California this past June
- Bring family members and Marine Raiders to the memorial services of Gunnery Sergeant Scott Koppenhafer and Staff Sergeant Joshua Braica
- Reduce out-of-pocket expenses for 5 Raider families with a Raider or family member battling cancer
- Provide funding for 13 Family Resiliency Events, including 2 couples' events, 9 pre-and-post deployment briefs, and 2 spouse events
- Fund Transition Assistance Grants for 60 Raiders to offset expenses associated with transitioning from the military to the civilian sector
- Bring 5 WWII Marine Raiders to San Diego for the U.S. Marine Raider Association 2019 Reunion held in conjunction with the MARSOC West USMC Birthday Ball, allowing modern-day Marine Raiders to connect with members of the Greatest Generation. The Marine Raider Foundation could not provide this support without your unwavering commitment to the Marine Raider community.

Stay tuned for updates to our event calendar for 2020 events, including the 3rd Annual NYC Salute to Raiders Event, the Wild West Relay Run for Raiders Team, and the 2020 Marine Corps Marathon Charity Partner Team!

***Thank you for "Helping those who have sacrificed the most!"***

Happy Holidays!  
Sincerely,  
Sarah  
Sarah Christian, Director of Operations



# MRF Fall Roundup

*The Marine Raider Foundation is grateful for those who participated in the following events:*  
**Ernie Adams Appalachian Adventure - April to October, 2019** — Ernie and his K9 Camo raised over \$20,000 as they hiked the Appalachian Trail from April to October! What an amazing journey!



**The 2019 Valley of the Sun Gala - October 5, 2019 - Phoenix, Arizona** — Marine Sergeant Kirstie Ennis, 2019 Pat Tillman Award Winner, and Tyler Shaw, Gold Star Brother of Captain Stanford H. Shaw III, shared their inspirational and heartfelt stories with our guests. The evening culminated with a lucky couple being whisked away in a private jet for a 2-day stay in Santa Barbara, California.



**7th Annual West Coast Marine Raider Foundation Golf Tournament hosted by RQ and DPR Construction - October 11, 2019 - Carlsbad, CA** — The Crossings at Carlsbad provided the perfect backdrop for a day on the links in support of the Marine Raider community. RQ and DPR Construction have hosted this tournament since 2013 and have truly made a lasting impact in the lives of Raiders and their families!



**2016 Marine Corps Marathon Charity Partner Team - October 28, 2019 - Washington, DC** — Our amazing team of runners laced up for the 10K, Marine Corps Marathon, and inaugural 50K, raising over \$97,000 to help Marine Raiders and their families! The team's top fundraiser was Frank Costello, whose Seaside Semper Five 5K generated over \$60,000!



**Ready Logistics 11th Annual 2019 Swing Fore Our Heroes Golf Tournament - November 2, 2019 - Scottsdale, AZ** — Ready Logistics sponsored the Swing Fore Our Heroes Golf Tournament in Arizona to support the Marine Raider community. Golfers were treated to a beautiful day of golf, capping the day off with lunch, a live auction and remarks from Lieutenant Colonel Tres Smith (Ret.).



**Evening with Marine Raider Foundation and Mission2Alpha at the Scottsdale Gun Club - November 8, 2019 - Scottsdale, AZ** — Marine Raider Foundation Board President Derek Herrera shared his story of courage, strength and resiliency with guests at the 8th Annual fundraiser held at the Scottsdale Gun Club. Live and silent auction items created some competitive bidding, raising over \$72,000!



**Veterans Cup Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament Benefiting Marine Raider Foundation - November 9, 2019 - Castle Pines, CO** — The stakes were high, as was the philanthropy, at the Veterans Cup Texas Hold 'Em Tournament on November 9th. Local sponsors and poker players helped to raise over \$7,200!

