

## **Cow Harbor Warriors donates \$75,000 to local veterans' charities for second year in a row.**

*Other local organizations team up with CHW to provide additional donations to support mission Northport DAV, VA Medical Center, Paws of War, Semper Fi Fund will Share in 2015 Proceeds*

NORTHPORT, NY — NOVEMBER 9, 2015 – Cow Harbor Warriors, a 501 C3 nonprofit veteran organization whose mission is to honor and enable post 9/11 wounded veterans and veterans in need, today presented donations of \$75,000 to local veteran organizations during a ceremony at Huntington Town Hall. The success of this year's Cow Harbor Warrior Weekend, held on September 12th, capped a 22-week-long series of awareness, education and fundraising events aimed at helping those who served during the Iraq and Afghanistan wars and other veterans in need. The 22 week campaign is symbolic, representing the average of 22 suicides of veterans which occur each day.

Since its inception in 2012, the Cow Harbor Warrior organization has donated over \$235,000 to veteran organizations that help advance the wellbeing of injured veterans or veterans in need including: The Wounded Warriors Project, the Semper Fi Fund, Disabled American Veterans Transportation Network (DAV TN), Paws of War, the Northport VA Medical Center and others. The Semper Fi Fund, The Disabled American Veterans Transportation Network, Paws of Wars and the Northport VA Medical Center today received separate checks from Cow Harbor Warriors totaling \$75,000.

"This assistance from Cow Harbor Warriors will go a long way toward helping wounded, injured and ill veterans deal with the unexpected challenges – medical, financial or emotional – they encounter on the Homefront, said Karen Guenther, president and CEO The Semper Fi fund "We thank them from the bottom of our hearts for their ongoing support!"

Cow Harbor Warriors were honored in 2015 to have teamed up with other local organizations to support Cow Harbor Warrior's mission. Team Chris, a 501C3 nonprofit created in the honor of Cpl Christopher G. Scherer, USMC KIA in Iraq, whose mission is to "Honor the Fallen, Support the Troops", donated \$5,000 to Paws of War , and Hoops of Northport, whose community mission is to support those who are in need, will also donate an additional \$5,000. These donations will enable Paws of War to sponsor a number of service dogs for local wounded veterans.

"We know that service dogs improve the lives and quality of life for wounded veterans," said Robert Misseri, president of Paws of War. "And for many, they are lifesavers. We appreciate the opportunity to offer these companions to even more veterans through the Cow Harbor Warriors' efforts."

The Disabled American Veterans Transportation Network (DAV TN) plans to use these funds towards purchasing a new a DAV 12 passenger Vehicle that will have the Cow Harbor Warriors name and logo along with the DAV on the vehicle. "We're deeply grateful for the donation from Cow Harbor Warriors and extremely proud of their continued support of our veterans and our program," said Joe Kozlowski, DAV Hospital Service Coordinator. "These funds will be

allocated towards the purchase of a new DAV TN vehicle which will be used for transporting veterans and their families to their much needed medical appointments in the tristate area.”

Don McKay, president of the Cow Harbor Warriors said the efforts prove that Northport and the surrounding communities as well as other local organizations truly care about the men and women who protect our nation.

“The impact of war can be felt thousands of miles away from the battlefield, for months and even years after leaving the combat zone,” McKay said. “It’s reassuring to know that the American people will continue to stand up for wounded veterans for as long as their assistance is needed.”

About Cow Harbor Warriors: Established in 2012, “Cow Harbor Warriors” is 501(c)(3) not for profit organization. It is made up of a team of dedicated Northport community members focused on "honoring and enabling“ individuals, particularly in the tristate area, who served in Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) and Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF), by raising funds and awareness and enlisting the community’s support for organizations that assist wounded veterans and veterans in need. The Cow Harbor Warrior Weekend was created as a way to raise funds and awareness for the veterans and veterans’ organizations we support, by inviting veterans, their families and our community members to a weekend of recreation, celebration and appreciation.

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