

THE COST OF COURAGE FOUNDATION

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Scholarships

Each year, The Cost of Courage Foundation sponsors a Scholarship Fund that awards three scholarship endowments to deserving Veteran college students. This year, The Sgt. Donald Fitzmaurice Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Jesus Miramontes, Jr., an Army Veteran and Senior at San Jose State University who is currently pursuing a degree in Teaching. The CPO Walter Kaczmarek Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Samantha Erickson, a US Air Force Veteran and student at Las Positas College who is pursuing a degree in Psychology. This year's The Cost of Courage Foundation Scholarship was awarded to Joseph Rodriguez, a US Army Veteran who is currently attending San Jose State University in pursuit of a degree in Business. Each of this year's recipients were incredibly deserving of the \$500 Scholarships they earned and we were honored to recognize their respective achievements during our Scholarship Banquet on Saturday, November 11th at Fiorillo's Restaurant. That evening we also awarded our Veteran of the Month, Dave Walker, and our Volunteer of the Year Bill "Papa" Estes with their plaques!



Upcoming Events

September 26

Celebrity Bartender Event

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The Cost of Courage Foundation
Fundraising Gala

We at The Cost of Courage Foundation extend our deepest gratitude to the men and women who serve our country! Our 501(c)3 non-profit organization is dedicated to assisting Veterans who are transitioning from military to civilian life while also supporting the needs of active duty service members.

Camp Pendleton / Naval Medical Center San Diego Visit

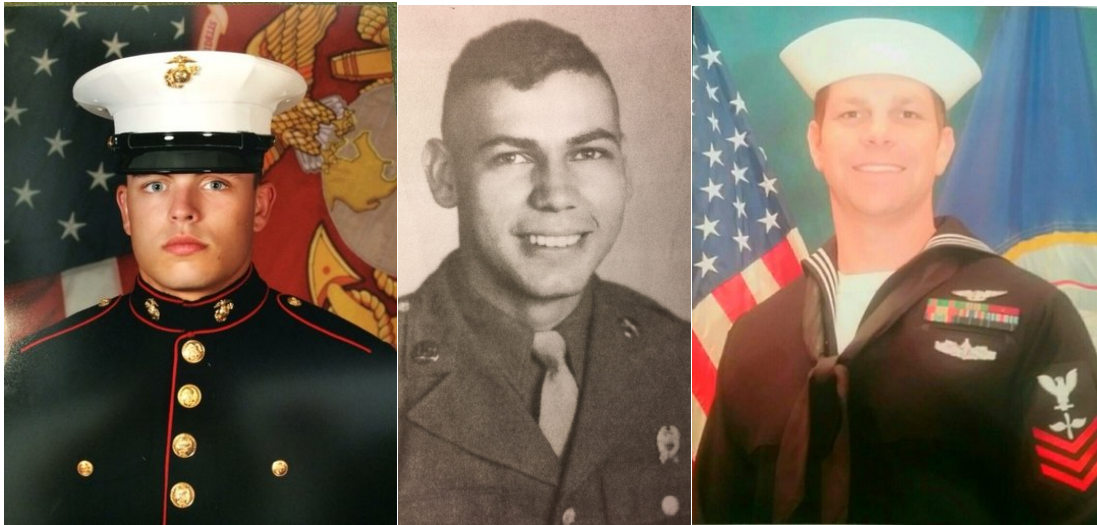
In August 2017, we had the privilege of distributing over 300 gift baskets to wounded, ill and injured Marines and their families at the Warrior Hope and Care Center - Camp Pendleton and Naval Medical Center San Diego! Each basket contained a warm blanket, a handpainted frame, a teddy bear, a handmade card and a friendship bracelet :) Thank you to all of our volunteers who helped make all of the personalized items in the baskets, your efforts were greatly appreciated! We would also like to thank the staff at both facilities for being so hospitable to us following our drive from San Jose, CA and for all of their assistance assembling the baskets on site! It was such an honor spending time with everyone. We are praying for the continued recovery of all the wounded, ill and injured service members we met on this trip and look forward to visiting again soon!

For more on our support programs for Wounded, Ill and Injured Service Members and their families, please visit <http://www.thecostofcouragefoundation.org/support-programs-for-wounded-ill-and-injured-service-members.html>



Veteran of the Month

In July 2016, we proudly launched our “Veteran of the Month” Program, which honors a deserving Veteran each month for their service to our country. Since then, we have recognized 10 deserving Veterans for their service! Each recipient was selected because of their incredible story of selfless service and sacrifice. We invite you to read more about each recipient on our Veteran of the Month Page at www.thecostofcouragefoundation.org/Veteran-of-the-Month. To nominate a deserving Veteran, please follow the instructions on the site.

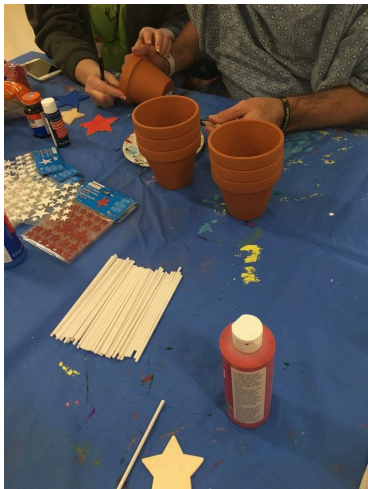


Each recipient is presented with a plaque in honor of their Veteran of the Month recognition. This year, ceremonies were held for MMN2 (SS) Jackson Sherry in his hometown of Monterey, California and PFC Lawrence “Candy” Valdez in Hanford, California, where he currently resides.



VA Family Support

Each month, The Cost of Courage Foundation sponsors a Family Craft Day at the VA Polytrauma Rehabilitation Center in Palo Alto, CA. Family members and wounded Veteran patients join us for the craft session and we feature a new project each month. The program started in May 2016 and since then, projects have included holiday centerpieces, Valentine's Day cards, friendship bracelets, pumpkin painting, holiday ornaments and much more! All supplies and volunteer instruction are provided by The Cost of Courage Foundation with the full support of the VA Polytrauma Rehabilitation Center staff. We also sponsor a snack and juice for participants and if a holiday falls within the month we decorate the room and provide goody bags for all who attend! This is one of our favorite programs because it allows us to interact with our wounded Veterans and their families who have sacrificed so much. We hope that this programs continues to provide fun and positive memories and a few homemade keepsakes for all who participate!



VA Family Gift Baskets

On an annual basis, The Cost of Courage Foundation makes and distributes homemade gift baskets for the wounded and their families at the VA Polytrauma Rehabilitation Center! Each basket includes a handmade card, a teddy bear, a handpainted frame, a candy dish filled with Hershey's Kisses, a puzzle book and a pencil. We distributed the baskets after serving the weekly family dinner which we have the privilege of doing many times throughout the year. We also brought toys and games for the children of the Wounded, Ill and Injured staying at Fisher House. We thank everyone who has donated and supported our cause so that we can provide these gifts throughout the year!



No-Cost Laser Eye Surgery for Homeless Veterans

For the third consecutive year, The Cost of Courage Foundation partnered with Furlong Vision Correction to offer no-cost Laser Eye Surgery to 7 homeless/disadvantaged local Veterans as part of the annual Gift of Sight Program! This donation of nearly \$50,000 worth of LASIK is truly life-changing for our Veteran recipients. To date, 18 Veterans have received the no-cost surgery amounting to over \$130,000! Following their surgery, those Veterans have been able to obtain and maintain gainful employment and, in several cases, complete their education now that vision troubles no longer limit their abilities. We are so grateful for our partnership with Dr. Furlong and his staff and look forward to Gift of Sight next year!



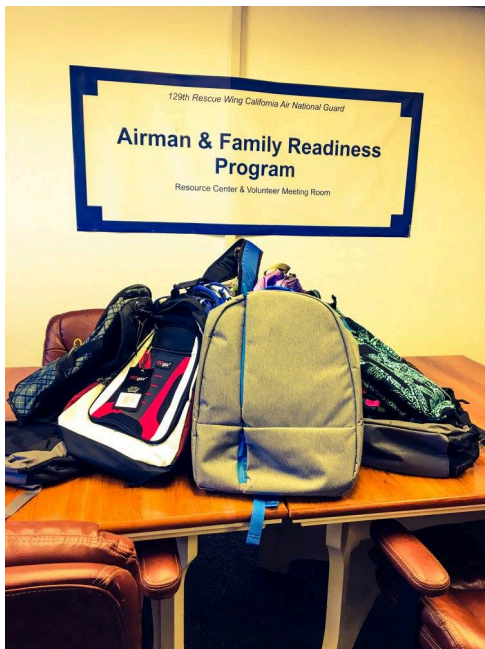
Volunteer of the Year Award

While we value and appreciate all of our volunteers, every year we like to recognize the contributions of the individual who goes above and beyond for our organization and whose help directly impacted our ability to meet our goals and help our community. We are proud to announce Bill "Papa" Estes as our Volunteer of the Year for his support in 2017. This is the second consecutive year Papa has earned this award and boy did he earn it once again with everything we had going on this year! At 91 years old, Papa takes his role as a volunteer very seriously. This year, he has spent countless hours making over 350 care package cards that we placed in the gift baskets we brought to wounded, ill and injured service members at the Warrior Hope and Care Center at Camp Pendleton and Naval Medical Center San Diego, he made over 500 friendship bracelets and over 100 keepsake holiday ornaments that we will be sending in care package boxes to units deployed overseas this holiday season. He attends and helps patients and family members with their projects at the monthly patient and family art classes we sponsor at the Palo Alto VA Hospital's Polytrauma Rehabilitation Center and the kids at Fisher House always look forward to seeing him. He is always eager to get started and inspires other volunteers to work harder everyday! Papa is present at every event and helps out whenever and however he can. He helped run the merchandise table at our Celebrity Bartender Event in September and helped distribute toys to children at Moffett Field in support of the Emergency Aid Program we recently launched. He was instrumental in starting a care package drive at his Senior Center and is always getting the word out about the organization so that more Veterans in the community can take advantage of our programs. Thank you so much for all you do, Papa! We couldn't do it without you and we love you!



Moffett Field Family Support

Throughout 2017, The Cost of Courage Foundation provided support to the 129th Rescue Wing California National Guard at Moffett Field. This year, The Cost of Courage Foundation sponsored an art class for Women's History Month in honor of Women in the Military and donated backpacks filled with school supplies. We also sponsored breakfast for attendees at the Got Your Six event and distributed toys to children of service members in the 129th at the unit's annual family picnic. The Cost of Courage Foundation is also working in conjunction with the 129th's Family Readiness staff to extend our Emergency Aid program to service members at the base.



Veteran/Military Emergency Aid Program

In 2017, The Cost of Courage Foundation began sponsoring an Emergency Aid Program that supports Veterans, Military Service Members and their Families by providing boxes of groceries or grocery store/commissary and gas station gift cards if the need for assistance arises. More information regarding our Active Military and Veterans Emergency Support (AMVES) Program can be found on our website at <http://www.thecostofcouragefoundation.org/active-military-and-veteran-emergency-support-amves-fund.html>.

Military personnel and Veterans in need of urgent support can access the Application Forms for emergency aid on our website or contact us at (408) 396-5167. If you know of a Veteran or Military Service Member in need, please reach out as advocates may apply on behalf of those with verified need. For information regarding how to donate grocery items or gift cards, please contact Kelly Estes at kelly@thecostofcouragefoundation.org.



In Fall 2017, we broke ground on The Cost of Courage Foundation Pantry, which will be continuously stocked with grocery items so that we may fulfill requests as they arrive. We are excited to have this opportunity to support



Celebrity Bartender Fundraising Event

The Cost of Courage Foundation was the highlighted non-profit at the Silicon Valley Capital Club's Celebrity Bartender Event on Wednesday, September 27, 2017. The event featured dinner for all guests sponsored by Harry's Hofbrau, wine provided by Jeremy Winery and beer donated by Golden State Brewery. Celebrity Bartenders included legendary radio DJ Sam VanZandt and Bellator MMA Fighter Josh Thomson! The theme of the evening was "Honoring Our Heroes" and included a singing of the National Anthem, a wreath ceremony and a Tribute Wall that included photos of combat Veterans from all eras of military conflict. Silent and Live Auctions took place throughout the night as well! All proceeds from the event were donated to The Cost of Courage Foundation in support of our programs that directly assist Veterans and their families.



SAVE THE DATE! The Silicon Valley Capital Club has once again selected The Cost of Courage Foundation as the focus of Capital Club Gives in September 2018!! The event will take place on Wednesday, September 26, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. There is no cost to attend and complimentary appetizers, dinner, wine and beer will be served to all guests. Attendees are encouraged to "tip" their bartenders since ALL proceeds from the evening's festivities will be donated to The Cost of Courage Foundation in support of our programs! Thank you in advance for your attendance and support!



Care Packaging

The Cost of Courage Foundation recently completed our 2017 Holiday Care Packaging! In 2017, we packaged 150 personalized boxes and sent them overseas. Each box included food, personal care items and other necessities along with handmade crafts made by our organization. This year, Applied Materials sponsored a collection drive for care package items and provided a venue for packing our boxes along with an abundance of volunteers! We could not be more grateful for their assistance! We also truly appreciate the Berryessa Community Center for their support in serving as a collection point for donations throughout the summer/fall!



Commander Amy Hunt Farewell

In May 2017, we had the honor of attending Navy Operational Support Center (NOSC) San Jose's Change of Command Ceremony where Commander Amy Hunt was relieved of her duties after two successful years. We would like to thank Commander Hunt for her incredible support of our organization! In 2016, we have had the privilege of partnering with NOSC on important initiatives such as Veteran/Military Suicide Prevention and directly benefitted from their assistance during our Holiday Care Packaging Season! NOSC's support of our organization and many other important causes is the direct result of Commander Hunt's genuine spirit of community service. We have been so inspired by Commander Hunt's leadership and dedication to her sailors and truly wish her the best on her new assignment!



Santa Clara University War, Cultures & Ideas Class Visit

For the fifth consecutive year, *The Cost of Courage* novel was taught as part of the curriculum for Santa Clara University's War, Cultures and Ideas class! Thank you Professor Riccomini for your continued support! It was a lot of fun guest speaking to the class and answering questions from students! We had a great discussion about the book and look forward to doing it again next year! Proceeds from sales of *The Cost of Courage* by author Kelly Estes are donated to The Cost of Courage Foundation!



USS Hornet Doolittle Raiders Memorial Wreath Ceremony

We were so honored to participate in the Doolittle Raid 75th Anniversary Ceremony on the USS Hornet on 18 April 2017! We proudly represented the families of the Doolittle Raiders, specifically Sgt. Donald Fitzmaurice who was KIA during the Raid and posthumously awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for his service and sacrifice. From the bottom of our hearts we thank the USS Hornet for giving us the opportunity to speak and for providing a wreath for us to bring to Golden Gate National Cemetery where Sgt. Fitzmaurice is buried. While we have expanded our services over the years, The Cost of Courage Foundation originally began as a scholarship fund in honor of Sgt. Fitzmaurice, which makes the anniversary of the Doolittle Raid a sacred day we will forever remember.



Facebook Everyday Heroes

In May 2017, we visited Facebook Headquarters and participated in the Everyday Heroes Festival honoring first responders, military personnel and those who serve their community! Thank you LT Lexi Daurenheim of Navy Wounded Warrior Safe Harbor for inviting us and for your support of our organization! We were so proud to support our previous Veteran of the Month SSgt Stuart DiPaolo as he gave an inspirational speech to the crowd during the event. Keep up the great work, Stu! We love you!



Gold Star Memorial Tribute Page

In December 2017 The Cost of Courage Foundation began the Gold Star Memorial Tribute Page in honor of service members who have been Killed in Action and the Gold Star Families they left behind. Each month, we will profile a different service member by sharing their story and photos. LCpl Travis Layfield was recognized as our very first honoree in December. On December 16th we held LCpl Layfield's Plaque Ceremony and presented his plaque of recognition to his mother, Dianne Layfield, at Golden Gate National Cemetery. For more on LCpl Layfield's story and information on how to nominate a service member who was Killed in Action, please visit <http://www.thecostofcouragefoundation.org/memorial-tribute-page.html>



Camp Parks Art Class

In Spring 2017, we sponsored a Family Art Class at Camp Parks in Dublin, California. Army Reserve soldiers and their families members who participated in the class enjoyed an afternoon of freestyle painting and relaxation. The Cost of Courage Foundation sponsored the paint, brushes and paper along with volunteer instruction and assistance for all in attendance. We had a great time and look forward to supporting the service members at Camp Parks again soon!



Volunteer Shout Out!

THANK YOU to all of our volunteers! We accomplished so much this year and could not have done it without the support and dedication of those willing to give their time to our cause! From the bottom of our hearts, we are so grateful for your generosity and look forward to offering increased support to our Veterans, Military Service Members and their families!



Donations, Applications & Nominations

DONATIONS

To make a Donation online, please visit our website at <http://thecostofcouragefoundation.org/donate.html>. If you prefer to send a check, please make your check payable to The Cost of Courage Foundation and send it via mail to 1315 Piedmont Road #32909, San Jose, CA 95132. All donations are 100% tax deductible and you will be issued a receipt from our 501(c)3 non-profit organization once it is received.

To make arrangements for Care Package Donations or for inquiries regarding Volunteering, please contact Kelly Estes at kelly@thecostofcouragefoundation.org.

APPLICATIONS

To apply for Scholarships, please visit our website at <http://thecostofcouragefoundation.org/scholarships.html> to access our 2018 Scholarship Application. Submission of an Application and 500 word essay will automatically qualify you for all three (3) scholarships available this year. Please **do not** submit an application for every scholarship.

Applications and Essays will be reviewed by our Board of Trustees and awardees will be notified in November 2018 and are expected to attend the Scholarship Banquet to retrieve their check and plaque.

The Sgt. Donald Fitzmaurice Memorial Scholarship, CPO Walter Kaczmarek Memorial Scholarship and The Cost of Courage Foundation Scholarship will be awarded to three deserving Veterans this year! Applications and essay requirements are now available on our website Scholarship Page at www.thecostofcouragefoundation.org/Scholarships

All Veteran college students are welcome to apply. Applicants must complete an Application and a 500 word essay that answers the question "How has your service in the military influenced your educational goals?"

We are currently accepting applications. The deadline for receipt of all applications and essays is October 1, 2018. Both scholarships will be awarded in November 2018 to one Veteran per Scholarship. The recipient must attend the mandatory awards banquet in San Jose, California on November 2018 to collect the Scholarship.

NOMINATIONS

To nominate a deserving Veteran for our Veteran of the Month recognition, please visit our website at <http://thecostofcouragefoundation.org/veteran-of-the-month.html>. Instructions for nominations appear on that page and shall be closely followed in order to qualify for selection. Please submit only one nomination per Veteran as those not selected one month will still be in the pool for future consideration.