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They promised to defend. We promise to support.

# THE OHT BRIEFING

#### Greetings!

As we closed this fiscal year in June, I began reflecting on how the year went and how much "good" we were able to do for our wounded and recovering service members and veterans. It was a record year for OHT and brought us to almost \$1.3 million donated since 2014. Needless to say, we are VERY proud of this and know it has been a TOTAL team effort. Something like this is never done alone.



We donated to 40 different organizations and made an impact on so many in need. We filled some critical gaps in care. Things like tires for a car that didn't pass inspection. If the veteran, who suffers from PTSD and a host of other battle related injuries, lost the use of his car, then he would lose his job. And if he lost his job, his family, including six children, would have fallen apart. We helped provide transportation to veterans who live 10 hours away from a VA Medical Center, who otherwise were not able to receive the treatment they needed.

Perhaps the most impactful of all was the donation where we provided for 6 months of cutting edge treatment to bomb specialist Kenton Stacy, who, after a bomb went off, is now a quadriplegic who has sight in one eye only, cannot speak due to severe damage to his larynx, and has four children under 12 at home, one of which has cerebral palsy. To say this family has a lot on their plate and unbelievable stress is an understatement. (Stay tuned for a feature on this Navy bomb specialist in an upcoming newsletter). OHT is providing cutting edge treatment, when no one else would, to increase his chances of regaining use of his hands and arms. It would change his and his family's life forever.

Now as we look to this coming year, we are extremely excited to see several things come to fruition—the launch of a major retail/ecommerce program with Colosseum and Fanatics; a new program with Boxercraft through Fanatics; a new partnership with

Gold's Gym; a new partnership with the Professional Bull Riders Association (PBR); a new partnership with Mossy Oak; and our commitment and growth of Warrior Ice Hockey programs.

Thank YOU for making all this possible. Never in a million years did I ever think that a simple idea would become a reality and a reality that would help so many in need. I encourage you to support OHT by making a purchase or a donation, follow us and share on social media, give through Amazon Smile and spread the good word about OHT. There is so much more to be done and YOUR help is much appreciated and makes a real difference for our veterans in need!

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President/Founder, Operation Hat Trick

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## **OUR IMPACT: Kenton Stacy**

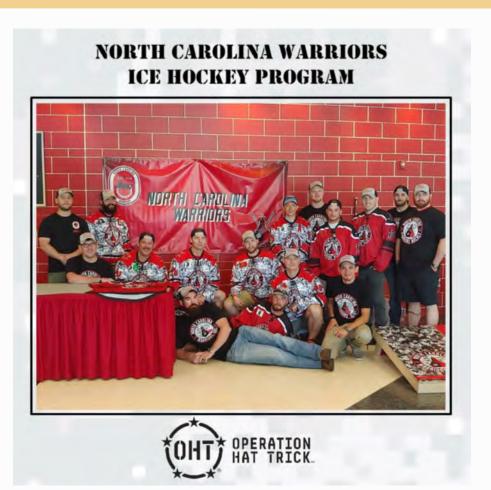
One of the many things that makes OHT unique is the ability to empower and financially support amazing organizations providing critical services and support to our service members and veterans. In fact, we support dozens of federally recognized 501c3 organizations as an essential part of our military support mission. We vet and seek out sometimes smaller and early stage 501c3 organizations because one of our commitments is to fill gaps in care for our injured and recovering heroes – smaller and start up 501c3 organizations often focus on niche yet critical areas of care and support.





Kenton Stacy, an Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technician (EOD) in the U.S. Navy, was grievously injured by an IED explosion while deployed in Syria in 2017. Below is a link to an article including a video from the San Diego Union-Tribune that tells the incredible story of this American hero and his family. Operation Hat Trick is helping with a donation to the EOD Warrior Foundation to help pay for cutting-edge treatment. OHT is the only organization to step forward and provide financial support for treatment thus far.

Read: "A bomb blast, a phone call and a Navy family forever changed"



We are so happy to announce a recent donation to the North Carolina Warriors Ice Hockey program! Our donation will help secure ice time and equipment for a team of veterans brought together by the game of hockey, the sport where OHT got its start!

In addition to North Carolina, we also work with Alaska, Minnesota and South Carolina Warriors Hockey programs, and hope to work with more programs in the future. Stay tuned for more details about how we are helping these veterans programs with equipment, ice time, and more.

#### **OHT PROGRAM SNEAK PEEK**



Founded in 2008, Victory Tailgate is the largest manufacturer of



custom tailgate games in the United States and a proud partner of Operation Hat Trick.



Check out these three new cornhole boards with OHT designs that Victory Tailgate will feature for Back to School. Can't wait to see them in action!





### **PURCHASE WITH A PURPOSE**

If you don't see our logo on military camo merchandise, it's not a purchase with a purpose! Make sure to look for the OHT logo, where a portion of each purchase goes to supporting wounded and recovering military service members and veterans.





Military Appreciation Days are coming up soon! Many colleges and universities honor veterans and service members at athletics events across the country. Let us know what your school, group or company is doing to show your Appreciation! Reach out to Trey Derrenbacker at

