

## They promised to defend. We promise to support.

### Founder's Message

Hi Everyone!

Summer is in full swing, unless of course you're in the Northeast like I am, where this summer may be the one that never was. Record rain and very hot then cold temps have us all wondering what's going on. And all over the country the weather patterns are very severe and causing lots of damage. So stay safe!!



In June, one of OHT's Board members, Chris Nyland, rode his bike from Boston to Philly to raise money for OHT. The heat index was 100+ degrees the whole way

and I'm not quite sure how he managed the last day, but it was TORTURE out there and there was an extremely welcoming, and very loud crowd at the Navy Yard when he crossed the finish line. He made it and raised over \$23,000!!! Very proud and honored to have had Chris do this for OHT. (See below for photos from this ride.)

OHT continues to work with licensees who are dealing with supply chain disruptions and we are all doing our very best to make sure product/merchandise is delivered on time, or with a slight delay, for Fall. We are very proud of everyone who has gotten creative and are pulling out all the stops to make sure retailers get their goods. COVID continues to wreak havoc in so many areas, but we here at OHT are on top of every situation, so look forward to some very exciting product/merchandise to drop in the Fall.

Please continue to follow us on social media as our numbers are stronger than ever and we have some very interesting content you will want to read. You can visit our social pages through the icons at the bottom of the newsletter. Get friends and family to <a href="sign up here">sign up here</a> for this newsletter and please consider signing up for Amazon Smile where you can designate OHT as the charity to whom some proceeds from your purchases will go. Click <a href="here">here</a> for the link to sign up for Amazon Smile!

Stay safe and well and I'll see you next month!



## **BOS2PHL RIDE A SUCCESS!**



OHT Board Member Chris Nyland undertook a bike ride from Boston, MA to Philadelphia, PA to raise awareness for the tremendous work that Operation Hat Trick is doing. Below are some photos from the adventure. Chris raised more than \$23,000 to support OHT's efforts to provide funds to wounded service members and veterans throughout the country. Way to go, Chris, and THANK YOU!











#### **OHT PARTNERS WITH DULUTH PACK BAGS**





OHT and Duluth Pack, the American Made manufacturer and brand known for high quality handcrafted canvas and leather bags, have partnered to offer OHT branded bags and packs. Operating continuously since 1882, Duluth Pack is the oldest canvas and leather bag and pack manufacturer in the USA.

The Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans (MACV) will receive 12% of proceeds from each bag sold. Paul Pedersen, MACV North Senior Case Manager, said this money will help fund a number of their services, including providing veterans with food, mental health support and housing, so that no one will go untaken care of. "Our mission is to end veteran homelessness. We're fighting the good fight to try and end it in Minnesota. Specifically, St. Louis County," Pedersen said.

Ryan Hanson, Outside Sales and Corporate Dealers Manager at Duluth Pack, said they were thrilled to help with the cause. "To be able to have locally made, USA made bags being sold to help support local vets is an absolutely fantastic

thing for us," Hanson said.

Read the full story here

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Did you know that you have access to many of our OHT-branded partner products through

OperationHatTrick.org? We have links to a variety of OHT products, including apparel, games, the new Duluth Pack items, pet products and more. And don't forget, all these purchases go directly to helping our service members and veterans in need.

Go shopping!

To learn more about how you can get involved with Operation Hat Trick to support our service members and veterans in need, please visit our Website.

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