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Vets of Valor Raises More Than \$111,000 for Iowa Veterans

The American Legion of Iowa, 93.3 KIOA, First Class Community Credit Union and Prairie Meadows hosted and sponsored the fourth annual Vets of Valor Radiothon on Friday, November 10, 2017. The event raised more than \$111,000 to help Iowa veterans through The American Legion of Iowa.

Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors and KIOA listeners, The American Legion of Iowa can continue the Vets of Valor program of providing assistance to Iowa veterans and their families.

Other sponsors of the event included hourly sponsors provided matching donations. Hourly sponsors throughout the day included Dr. Eugene Cherney of Heartland Plastic Surgery, Green Family Flooring, Casey's General Stores,

First Class Community Credit Union, Wrench N Go and Prairie Meadows.

"Once again, our listeners and business sponsors have come through in a big way for Iowa veterans and their families through Vets of Valor. Our goals were not only to raise funds, but also to share stories of success and encourage those in need to ask the American Legion of Iowa for help. We remain committed to serving those who served us, not just on Veterans Day, but every day," said Alan White, Brand Manager 93.3 KIOA.



The radiothon ran from 6 a.m. – 6 p.m. in the Prairie Meadows lobby, near the main casino entrance. 93.3 KIOA's morning show hosts Max & Amy were on air at Prairie Meadows throughout the 12-hour event while volunteers from Prairie Meadows, 93.3 KIOA, First Class Community Credit Union, Principle Finance Group, and The American Legion of Iowa staffed the phones.

Samsung Scholar in Iowa

Daniel O'Hara of Robins, Iowa has been named one of the 10 National Samsung Scholars for this year. He will receive a \$10,000 scholarship from funds originally donated by the Samsung Corporation. Daniel was nominated from the group of 2017 Iowa Boys Staters who submitted applications for the scholarship. He was sponsored to Boys State by American Legion Post #298 in Marion. His parents are Timothy and Rosemary O'Hara and he attends Linn-Mar High School.

The Samsung Scholar program was created from a donation by the Samsung Corporation to say thanks to the U.S. veterans that saved their country from communism. Each year 10 National Scholars are chosen that receive \$10,000 scholarships and 10 runners-up are chosen to receive \$5,000. The American Legion administers the program with all administrative costs paid by The American Legion, not from scholarship funds.

Parking Lot Fundraiser Update – Anonymous Donor Increases Gift

A fundraising project is being conducted to resurface the parking lot at Department Headquarters. In July, a donor who wishes to remain anonymous, agreed to match donations received between July and December, up to \$10,000.

The generosity of the Iowa Legion Family has resulted in reaching the \$10,000 goal that our anonymous donor will match. Not only has that resulted in over \$20,000 going into that fund but that generosity has impressed our anonymous benefactor and motivated them to step up even farther.

We have been offered another \$5,000 if the members of the Legion family will match that donation by April 15. Please consider donating as an individual member or donating as a Post, Unit, Squadron or Chapter.

Our earliest estimates for the project are as high as \$80,000. Please help us reach our goal. Giving before April 15 makes your donation go twice as far.

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Deadlines & Dates

December 1

Christmas Open House

December 9

Boys State Board of Directors

December 17

Post Oratorical Contest Deadline

December 20

Strategic Planning Committee

December 25

Christmas

December 25-27

Department Offices Closed

January 1

New Year's Day

Department Offices Closed

January 7

County Oratorical Contest Deadline

January 15

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Department Offices Closed

January 17

Veterans Day on the Hill

January 21

District Oratorical Contest Deadline

February 4

Area Oratorical Contest Deadline

February 8-11

Mid-Winter Conference

February 12

Department Offices Closed

February 15

Iowa Legionnaire Articles Due

February 19

Presidents Day
Department Offices Closed

February 24-28

Washington Conference

March 1

Eagle Scout Scholarship
Nominations Due