



## Brewster H.S. Grad Returns for 2nd Comedy Tour to Benefit Local Veterans

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Last year at this time Brewster H.S. Grad PJ Walsh was embarking on an unprecedented comedy marathon in the Mid-Hudson Valley to benefit local veterans & their families; “30 Shows in 30 Days – Courage Continues At Home” went on to be 40 Shows in 30 Days with H. G. Fairfield Arts & PJ Walsh covering 4555 miles in 5 weeks putting on comedy shows in over 16 VFW & American Legion Posts – from Arlington to Ossining on the east side & from Maybrook to New City on the west side of the Hudson River, as well as performing at VA Health Centers, professional clubs, and nursing homes. Over 800 people attended the shows, with thousands of dollars in funds and in-kind professional services being donated to participating Posts, VA Health Centers, & to the Putnam County Joint Veterans Council. Area radio stations jumped in to help last year and it all begins again with WHDD, WPDH, & WDST hosting national comedian & Navy veteran PJ Walsh on air this week just before his comedy nights at 2 local VFWs & 1 American Legion.

“Local, county, state, & federal Veteran Administration & Service officers have asked us to help them get the word out to the general population that anyone who knows veterans or their families should encourage them to step up and see what benefits the VA and other support organizations have that they might be eligible for;” Kim Blacklock, President of H. G. Fairfield Arts explains. “Rules for applying are always changing and many veterans – men & women – simply don’t know what they are eligible for. Outreach budgets are slim, & yet benefits are sitting there for our veterans who’ve served domestically or in foreign theaters;” H. G. Fairfield Founder & Marine Captain Kathie Freston states. “Teaming up with Navy veteran & national powerhouse (& Brewster success story) comedian PJ Walsh is an exciting, efficient, & fun way to attract & direct veterans to sources of local support that they’ve earned;” reveals Blacklock, adding “ Local American Legion & VFW Posts are great places to find friendly faces & valid information. PJ Walsh’s comedy is a great way to say thank you to the veterans and their families, while also gathering friends & communities together raising funds to help.” PJ Walsh’s touring schedule means a shorter time this October with H. G. Fairfield Arts, but having to share him with our overseas troops and the nation is a good thing says Blacklock; “PJ returned this summer from his 20<sup>th</sup> comedy tour of US troops overseas. This guy is the real deal: a comedian who can make a stadium of 15 – 20,000 roar, while he remembers his beginnings in the service and

makes sure our troops and veterans stay forefront in the who & why he does all the funny for. We are thrilled to host his return home to help bring some fun, funds, & crucial information to lives of our veterans, their families, & friends.” For more information call H. G. Fairfield Arts at 845-363-1559, email [Office@HGFairfieldArts.org](mailto:Office@HGFairfieldArts.org), or go to [www.HGFairfieldArts.org](http://www.HGFairfieldArts.org) or [www.PJWalsh.com](http://www.PJWalsh.com) .



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