

Brewster NY'S H.G. Fairfield Arts Makes History with USMV MC NY4

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4 bikes 4 veterans Skirt Storm for 700 miles into 4300 mile mission

- Agency Village, SD, Thursday July 31st noon Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Tribal administration building, <http://www.swo-nsn.gov/AdminBuilding.ASPX>

Thursday, July 31st the riders will also be honoring US military veterans of Native Nations as they stop and gather with the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate on the Lake Traverse Reservation, honoring the SWO Akicita with a noon ceremony and H. G. Fairfield Arts hosting a community feed. Last year's first Ride For Veterans Healing honored the Cheyenne-Arapaho in Concho, Oklahoma, en route to their meeting in San Antonio, TX. <http://www.hgfairfieldarts.org/ccah3/>

Pledge forms for the run can be found at www.HGFairfieldArts.org

Net proceeds from the Riding For Our Lives run and the Fargo Courage Continues At Home Comedy Show with PJ Walsh benefit:

*Semper Fi Odyssey, a transition program for wounded or ill discharged veterans at Outdoor Odyssey in PA run by MGen T.S. Jones (USMC, RET).

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ON-U4WM-ZbM>

*American Legion Posts' Welfare and VFW Relief Funds for local veterans' needs of food, clothing, shelter, & access to medical care.

*"The Road to Healing" veterans film project and the Veterans Healing Program of H. G. Fairfield Arts which partners up health practitioners with veterans needing care. "The Road to Healing: NY to OK" on H. G. Fairfield Art's YouTube channel <http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCi1CarTWZNdRr...>

The riders thank Pepsi & Enterprise & everyone for their support. 700 miles into the first leg of Riding For Our Lives, the odd coupling of the USMV MC NY4 and an arts organization, is led by H. G. Fairfield Arts' Founder, Kathie Freston (USMCR 1953-64). Kim Blacklock, Pres. H. G. Fairfield Arts and Support Truck driver states: "The power of arts and culture as economic engines, healing engagements, and community builders is glue for us humans. Having one of the oldest living female Marines for a boss means we get things done. The old Community barn raising is what we can apply to getting our veterans taken care of. Comedy Shows and other events can help raise the funds and the awareness of how to get things done. The discipline of the USMV MC is exemplary in revealing how veterans continue to serve our communities and it works with HGF's motto is "See a Need; Fill it."

"It all fits together when there is a common focus. Semper Fi Odyssey is a perfect example of what works, which is why we are benefitting and also bringing attention to MGen T.S. Jones' great program free to wounded discharged veterans and life changing. The goal is to help our returning veterans reintegrate into civilian life successfully. Arts, Culture, Science, Compassion, Communities, and Work can move mountains;" says the 6'7" CEO of H.G. Fairfield Arts organization; "My dad is a 280" lb Samoan veteran of the Korean War & US Army. We got up to breakfast calls of "Front & Center!" You learn how to get things done in a military influence. We must take care of our veterans if the companies who use them won't and the VA & Government can't because of money or care standards or out sourcing our VAMedical Centers to private companies, or whatever the cause: they are our family members and together we can figure care out by enlisting those in our communities with the skills. That's what Riding For Our Lives is doing; preventing veteran suicides by caring."