

NAPERVILLE RESPONDS FOR VETERANS 2018 END OF SUMMER UPDATE

September 2018

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Dear NRFV Family and Friends,

It's been an eventful year for Naperville Responds for Veterans thus far assisting Veterans in need with home repairs and renovations. We are on pace to exceed the number of projects completed last year.

One of our greatest challenges, is and always will be, identifying Veterans that may need assistance. Veterans are trained to serve and defend our great nation, and our always the last to ask for help.

I would like to emphasize, if you know a Veteran in need, please have them or help them apply for assistance through our website at www.napervilleresponds.org. Applying through our website helps to expedite the application process so NRFV volunteers can execute a project quickly and efficiently. Also, all applications for assistance are vetted by the NRFV Veterans Committee on an "income" and "needs" basis.

The PR Committee has been active speaking to Veteran groups, churches, and service clubs, among others, to spread the word about the Naperville Responds mission.

Our annual "Strength and Honor" Luncheon was held in April to give thanks and honor Veterans. We had another record crowd honoring nearly 200 Veterans with a total audience of 450 guests. Attendees were inspired by keynote speaker and Veteran advocate Mike Barbour. Barbour shared his Vietnam story, spreading a message that no Veteran should remain silent or alone about their combat experiences.

Once again, we marched in the Naperville St. Patrick's Day Parade, decorating our float with lucky green charms. Unfortunately, the Naperville Memorial Day Parade was canceled for the first time in history due to excessive heat. We did put our float to good use at the Naperville Rotary Ride in August hosted by the Rotary Club of Naperville – Downtown.



**NRFV President
Dan Jurjovec**



Last May, Jackson Persin (pictured in the center seated) while a fourth grader in Mrs. Elsen's class at Elmwood Elementary School in Naperville, received a surprise visit from NRFV President Dan Jurjovec and USMC Master Sergeant Shawn Doty. Jackson donated money he earned shoveling snow last winter to Naperville Responds.

The fourth graders learned about the importance of service above self and giving back to the community. In addition, they learned about thanking Veterans for their service in defending America and protecting our freedoms.

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Naperville Responds was a recipient of the Scientel Solutions Golf outing in May. The outing organized by Nelson Santos raised over \$17,000 to help with Veteran projects.

Late May and early June brought our annual "Tournament for Our Champions" fundraiser at White Eagle Golf Club, Cress Creek Country Club, and Naperville Country Club. Woody Buick GMC was an instrumental sponsor once again, and we would like to thank the members of each golf club for their generosity and support.

NRFV was also a recipient of the 1st Annual Naperville Charity Auto Show presented by Bill Jacobs BMW over Father's Day Weekend.

Veterans Day is fast approaching, which signals Naperville Responds For Veterans annual fundraiser and gala, Cheers For Veterans. This year Naperville Responds will celebrate our Veterans at the Naperville Embassy Suites, 1823 Abriter Ct. The celebration begins at 5:30PM on Thursday, November 1. The evening will feature guest speaker Dr. Sudip Bose, MD, FACEP, FAAEM, former U.S. Army Major, and Veteran Advocate. Tickets and sponsorship information is available by visiting www.napervilleresponds.org.

I commend the NRFV Board of Directors, Honorary Board and all volunteers for their continued efforts in assisting area Veterans and spreading the mission of Naperville Responds.

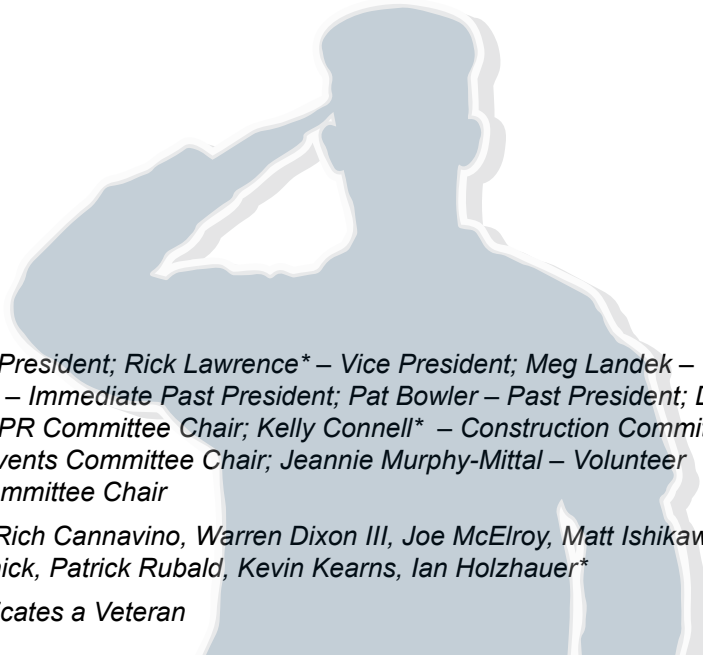
Thanks to the community at large and our supporters who continue to support our mission. Your support and financial contributions help us continue to serve those who have served us.

Most importantly, thanks to all Veterans who have served our great nation.

Thank you,
Dan Jurjovec



President, NRFV



NRFV Executive Committee: Dan Jurjovec – President; Rick Lawrence* – Vice President; Meg Landek – Treasurer; Connie Cowan – Secretary; Jack Persin* – Immediate Past President; Pat Bowler – Past President; Don Dardis* – Veterans Committee Chair; Kevin Kobe – PR Committee Chair; Kelly Connell* – Construction Committee Chair; Brendan McCormick – Fundraising & Events Committee Chair; Jeannie Murphy-Mittal – Volunteer Committee Chair

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*Indicates a Veteran

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