

The Spc. Wilfredo Perez Jr. Memorial Fund

In memory of Spc. Wilfredo Perez Jr., who lost his life serving our country.



February 2012 Newsletter

Dear Friends:

Thank you for your continuous support. We are in the process of planning the Ninth Annual Spc. Wilfredo Perez Jr. Golf Classic to be held on June 11, 2012 at Silvermine Golf Course in Norwalk, CT.

As you will recall, my son, Junior, and two other soldiers, Sgt. Daniel K. Methvin and Spc. Jonathan P. Barnes, lost their lives in Ba'qubah, Iraq on July 26, 2003 while guarding a children's hospital. They were with the Army's 1/67th Armor Regiment, 4th Infantry Division.

Since 2004, thanks to your support, we have awarded \$42,500 in college scholarships to both Norwalk and Brien McMahon high schools graduating ROTC students here in Norwalk.

In 2006, we supported a memorial in Coventry honoring the 612 CT Vietnam Veterans who lost their lives while serving their country. In 2008, we donated a wheelchair accessible gazebo and storage shed to the Rocky Hill Veterans Hospital. Since 2008- 2011, we've made clothing, food, and monetary donations to the veterans at Homes for the Brave in Bridgeport. In 2009-2011 we made donations to American Warrior and have helped fly 30 World War II veterans to DC to visit their WWII memorial. We've also supported the Connecticut Fallen Heroes Foundation. This organization helps connect Connecticut Gold Star families who have lost loved ones in Afghanistan and Iraq. In 2010, we made a donation to The Homefront Project to help them open a veterans' home in New Haven. It currently houses 14 homeless veterans. Every year we donate postage costs to local organizations to ship essential supplies to troops currently serving.

Proceeds in 2012, will go to the following: 1) College scholarships at Norwalk and Brien McMahon high schools, 2) The Connecticut Fallen Heroes Committee, 3) Homes for the Brave, and 4) American Warrior; we will again help fly 10 more CT WWII veterans to visit their memorial in DC. If you know a WWII or Korean veteran, please let us know. We can help you fill out an application. There is a flight planned in the fall of 2012.

We also continue to raise funds for a Connecticut memorial that will be erected honoring CT veterans who lost their lives in Iraq and Afghanistan. Please visit our website for more info. www.perezjrmemorialfund.org. The City of Bridgeport has donated a location in front of the Arena at Harbor Yard.

Our mission:

- 1) Award college scholarships,
- 2) Support Connecticut non-profit veterans organizations, and
- 3) Erect a memorial for all Connecticut soldiers who have fallen in response to 9/11. There are 57 soldiers from Connecticut to date that will have their names on this monument.

All donations are tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. If you have any questions feel free to call me at 203-515-0666.

Sincerely,

Wilfredo Perez, Sr.

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