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Triad Honor Ride

Cyclists ride to remember the Fallen



More than 150 cyclists signed up to take part in the second annual Triad Honor Ride in Summerfield, Greensboro, Sunday ahead of Memorial Day. The ride is a fundraiser which supports the Triad Honor Flight, a program dedicated to U.S. military veterans over the age of 65. The vets are taken at no cost to them on a flight in a military aircraft to visit the war memorials and monuments in Washington, D.C.

The Triad Honor Flight is part of a national campaign, the Honor Flight Network, which is a service provided to veterans 65 and older who travel by military aircraft to Washington, D.C., to tour the memorials and monuments dedicated to the U.S. troops who died, were taken Prisoner of War (POW), or went missing in action (MIA) in each of this nation's major foreign wars -- World War I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

One of the event's organizers, Lori Harrington, of Greensboro, said the Honor Ride is the Honor Flight's largest fundraiser.

"The Ride allows us to reach an active and broader

audience and provide a way for all generations to make a difference in the lives of veterans who have served our country. Held on the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend, it allows us to also recognize those that made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom," she said.

Last year marked the Triad Honor Flight's return after a 10-year hiatus. The committee responsible for its return is made up of individuals from across the Triad with various backgrounds, and comprised of veterans, cyclists, and other generous individuals, Harrington explained.

The reason - to garner more recognition for local vets.

"[The ride] allows us to also recognize those that made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. This year we have expanded our scope and partnered with Stop Soldier Suicide to bring awareness to the fragility and mental health needs of the veteran population," Harrington said.

"Now with two flights going yearly, it is imperative that we continue to raise awareness and funding to provide the aging veteran population with the respect, honor and recognition they so greatly deserve," she added.

This is why the Lenny Peters Foundation and Bethany Medical were compelled to sponsor the event, said John Joyce,

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the Global Director for Bethany Medical and the Public Relations Director for Bethany Medical.

"Our Founder and CEO, Dr. Lenny Peters, and our President, Elise Peters Carey, both recognize the level of commitment and sacrifice our veterans and their families shoulder for our freedoms," Joyce said.

An anti-aircraft ordnance manager for the U. S. Marine Corps. during World War II, Jack Connors served his country proudly.

Connors was on hand Sunday, riding in a converted bicycle that serves as a rickshaw, pedaled by Mur DeJonge, of the Senior Compassion Foundation.

"It is this example of community partners coming together to care for our friends and neighbors that the Lenny Peters Foundation wishes to see more of," said Dr. Lenny Peters.

"We engage in our community, and we partner with others who do too, so that we can inspire more to do the necessary things such as honor veterans like Mr. Connors." 



ABOVE: Jack Connors, U.S.M.C., a WWII veteran and anti-aircraft ordnance manager has taken the Triad Honor Flight to visit the war memorials in Washington, D.C. Connors was present Sunday for the annual Triad Honor Ride fundraiser benefiting the Triad Honor Flight.

BELOW: Bethany Medical and the Lenny Peters Foundation served as Presenting Sponsors for this year's Triad Honor Ride. Nurse Practitioner Laura Vanderburg, Marketing Director Stefanie Walling, Marketing Associate Elizabeth Hughes and LPF Global Director John Joyce turned out to support the mission.



Take LPF Out to the Ballgame

Dr. Lenny Peters, LPF host a night with the Rockers

HIGH POINT, N.C. – The Lenny Peters Foundation and the High Point Rockers banded together to host the May version of the monthly LPF giveaway events began by Dr. Lenny Peters this year as a means of building a stronger bond within the Triad community.

The May event saw t-shirts, ball caps, mugs, wristbands and pens given away, and featured a book signing during which Dr. Peters autographed copies of his book, "Barefoot to Benefactor: My Life Story of Faith and Courage,"



Dr. Lenny Peters, lower left corner, prepares to throw a free Bethany Medical/Lenny Peters Foundation t-shirt into the crowd at The High Point Rockers' stadium in High Point.

for awaiting fans who stopped by to say hello.

The book is available for purchase online and 100% of the proceeds benefit orphan children and cancer patients. Visit lennypetersfoundation.org to order your copy today.



LPF President Cares

Don Bulla shares why he and wife contribute

HIGH POINT, N.C. – I have been on the LPF board since its inception in 2006.

During my tenure I have witnessed the growth and the impact the Foundation has had both here at home and around the world.

My wife, Lydia, and I were moved to begin contributing monthly to support the Foundation and its many missions, because we saw early on the selflessness and equity with which the Foundation intervenes on behalf of those in need.

Both locally, as well as in India and now in South Africa, LPF exists to be a helping hand. This means more than writing checks and sending them in.

Any LPF contribution is meant as a hand up, not out, to help its recipient get back on track.

In the Triad alone, in 2021, LPF gave hundreds of thousands of dollars to various individuals and groups. That is a staggering amount.

Furthermore, the homes for children in India offer more than food, shelter and education. We offer vocations to train these children so they can have careers in adulthood.

This is very different from what I

have seen with other organizations that only care for the person until he or she turns 18.

I am excited and proud to be a part of LPF, and to honor Dr. Lenny Peters who came up from

very humble beginnings. Many might think he was born into such wealth. It is not the case. There are a lot of people from here who have not given near as much, and as a native of this area it has been very meaningful to me to see Dr. Peters do so.

He genuinely cares about the community, and his example, not only of building his own legacy but using it to give back, is an inspiring lesson for us all.



Don Bulla, RPH, PA-C

