

September 20-24, 2017

9th Annual NJ "Run for the Fallen" to Honor and Remember New Jersey Military Members Killed in Iraq and Afghanistan



Beef and Beer Benefit

February 25, 2017

On Thursday, September 21, 2017, in an apolitical reflection of remembrance a team of active duty members of the military will set off from the Cape May Lighthouse on a 4 day 190+ mile "relay style" run to honor every service member who has died supporting the ongoing conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Each mile is dedicated to a New Jersey Hero and their Family. The Run Team will stop at each mile marker to present a flag and personalized biographical card to waiting family members, friends and comrades with a goal of creating a 190 +mile memorial trail through New Jersey from Cape May to the NJ Vietnam Veteran's Memorial in Holmdel, NJ. Although we physically run one mile honoring and remembering each fallen hero from the current conflicts, the total run represents every New Jersey service member who laid down their lives for our freedom in all wars and conflicts.

Every year we hold a fundraiser to cover the necessary expenses associated with the Run by providing support for our Active-Duty Military Run Team, Gold Star Families and Support Team. These expenses include overnight accommodations, shirts, printing and a myriad of other costs. ***This year on February 25, 2017, we will hold a Beef and Beer Dinner at the Bolero and we are asking for donations of merchandise, gift certificates etc. for our Basket Auction and Door Prizes.*** 100% of the funds raised will be used to cover the expenses associated with the Run. Your donation will be acknowledged in our Dinner Benefit program that evening along with recognition on our webpage at

www.njrunforthefallen.org

One of the many reasons we run:



DJ Bentz 20 yrs. old – killed by an IED in Iraq -This is an excerpt from the last letter he wrote to his mom –

"Other than that the moral here is half and half, don't freak out but three of our guys got shot by snipers while we were out on patrol....they all lived but to let you know I won't lie everyday my life is being threatened, but I am trained and I saved my buddies life the other day. So just pray and have faith, but since shit is bad and for real that I do have to tell if something does happen it is how I wanted to go out fighting for a cause of freedom of America and for the Iraqi people. Don't be sad, be happy I wouldn't want it any other way. We have no showers nor running water or hot meals so it's ruff. But when ya go on patrol and you see the little Iraq kids waving and jumping up and down and giving a thumb's up it makes it feel worth it and it makes me feel good ya know."

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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If you would like to make a donation please contact Eileen Kreis at Eileen@NJRunfortheFallen.org or by phone at 608-846-6121.

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