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FRANKLIN COUNTY VETERANS FUND SURPASSES \$18,000 MILESTONE

February 16, 2016 - CHAMBERSBURG, PA – The Franklin County Commissioners today announced that the Veterans Fund donations recently exceeded \$18,000. The tax-deductible donations came from individuals, organizations and businesses interested in improving Franklin County veterans' quality of life. The donations are used to expand local outreach and services to meet the needs of those who served our county and our nation.

“The Board of Commissioners and the staff of the Veterans Affairs office would like to thank all of the local businesses, organizations and community members for contributing to this worthy cause,” said Commissioner and Board Chairman Dave Keller.

Some of the donations underwrite Operation Save-A-Vet, Save-A-Pet, a program designed to help veterans lead happier, healthier, and more productive lives. According to Justin Slep, Director of the Franklin County Veterans Affairs office and the driving force behind the program, “Operation Save-A-Vet, Save-A-Pet pairs a service dog with a veteran who has service-connected disabilities. The dogs come from local rescues and shelters as well as a few select breeding lines. Once accepted into the program, the dogs receive highly specialized training and care.”

“This effort is a win-win all around. Operation Save-A-Vet, Save-A-Pet benefits the veteran, the dog, and the community,” said Commissioner Bob Thomas. Service dogs are proven to be extremely valuable in assisting veterans who, through their military service, acquired diabetes, seizure disorders, posttraumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, or a number of other health issues. The dogs are also capable of serving veterans with psychological needs.

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“We can never do enough for our veterans,” said Commissioner Ziobrowski, “but we’ve got to try anyway. The Save-A-Vet program is a great way to help our veterans, and it’s wonderful to see the community responding in such a positive way with its financial support.”

If you would like to donate to support this worthy cause, please make checks payable to Franklin County Veterans Affairs. This will ensure your donation is utilized for veteran outreach.

A list of donors to the Franklin County Veterans Affairs Outreach Fund who are willing to be identified is included at the end of this press release.

For further details and information, please email jdslep@franklincountypa.gov or call (717) 263-4326. Franklin County Veterans Affairs is located at 425 Franklin Farm Lane, Chambersburg, PA 17202.

Franklin County Veterans Affairs Outreach Fund Donors

Sons of American Legion- Post 373, Greencastle
Mercersburg Lions Club
Reid's Orchard and Winery
Olympia Candy Kitchen
Charles Nitterhouse VFW- Post 1599
AMVETS Post 224, Chambersburg
Mercersburg Moose Lodge- Post 1790
American Legion Burt J. Aspers- Post 46, Chambersburg
Colony House Furniture, Inc.
Waynesboro Moose Lodge-Post 1191
Waynesboro American Legion - Post 15
American Legion - Post 373, Greencastle
American Legion Riders Burt J. Aspers -Post 46
Durff-Kuhn VFW- Post 6168
American Legion - Post 612, St. Thomas
Nancy H. Mackley
Texas Roadhouse of Chambersburg
Rita's of Chambesburg
Kristine Swartz & Michelle Kauffman with Autumn's Hope
Rotary Club of Chambersburg
American Legion Auxiliary - Post 232
Gardner S. Rosenberry
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American Legion Unit Auxiliary - Post 517
Volvo Construction Equipment
Greencastle-Antrim High School- Meagan Brockway & Greencastle National Honors Society
Wesley Yeager American Legion - Post 606, Fort Loudon
The Council of the Greencastle Senior Activity Center
Franklin County Housing Authority Employees of Chambersburg & Waynesboro
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