



January 2023 Quarterly Newsletter

Happy New Year from SHMC!

Strength and Honor MC had an outstanding 2022 spending time in our communities, holding fundraisers, identifying opportunities to support and assist those in need and participating in activities that pay tribute to and show respect for those that have fallen. Last year's fundraising efforts resulted in providing **\$156,405.35 in assistance** to the families of fallen public safety personnel and veterans. We would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude and appreciation for organizations and people like you that helped make all this possible by your generous support. As we look ahead to 2023, here are some examples from 2022 that highlight how your support was put into action.



Remembering the Fallen

Beirut Memorial Ride

This past October SHMC chapters from VA, MD, NJ, PA and NC converged on Jacksonville, NC to honor the 241 Marines, Sailors, and Soldier who lost their lives on 23 October 1983 while conducting peace-keeping operations in Beirut Lebanon.



Led by SHMC's NC chapter, the event was well supported by other motorcycle riders from all over the region raising \$3,000 in donations. Proceeds from the event went to Patrol Base Abbate, a veterans support organization whose mission is to provide warriors space to re calibrate inside the wire and community to thrive outside the wire.

Davey's Battle Brothers Memorial Ride

In September, SHMC hosted the annual Davey's Battle Brothers Ride. This event is held in honor of Sgt. David Alan Ruhren from Stafford, VA who was killed on December 21, 2004 along with 13 other U.S. service members including National Guard Sgt. Nicholas Mason of King George



County, VA by a suicide bomber in Mosul, Iraq. This year the event raised \$2,200 and a donation was made to the veterans support organization War Horse Forge.

Quantico National Cemetery Wreath Laying

On December 3rd, SHMC supported the Sgt. Mac Foundation annual Christmas wreath laying ceremony. The Sgt. Mac Foundation was initially formed to honor the memory of Marine Sgt. Eric McColley. On February 17, 2006, Sgt. McColley gave his life for his country along with seven fellow Marines and two Airmen.



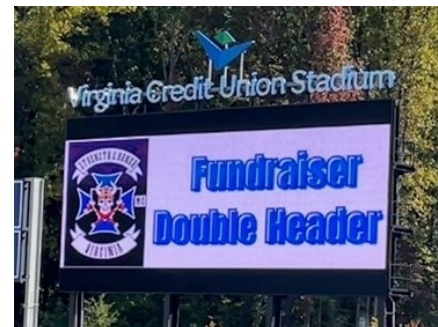
The National Wreath Project has evolved to placing wreaths at the graves of Veterans at Quantico National Cemetery and Gettysburg National Cemetery in Pennsylvania. Led by SHMC's Gray Ghost chapter, to support this foundation and their efforts to honor the memory of our fallen veterans, SHMC raised \$39,220 and placed 16,000 wreaths at Quantico National Cemetery.



Fundraisers

Chili Cook-Off / Guns & Hoses Softball Tournament

On October 8th, SHMC held its 2nd Annual Chili Cook-Off fundraiser at the Fred Nats Stadium in Fredericksburg, VA.



Local chefs brought the heat preparing chili from secret recipes and other family traditions. Awards were presented for best chili, overall presentation and a People's Choice award.



This year we added a charity softball game to make the event a double header! Members of the Stafford County Sheriff's Office (Guns) matched up against members from the Fredericksburg, Stafford, King George, Fairfax & Fauquier Fire Departments (Hoses) for the Guns & Hoses Softball Match.



The Fire Department scored the most runs but

everyone was a winner in this game! On behalf of the Fire Department, a check for \$1,000 was presented to Mary's Shelter, Inc. This is becoming one of our signature fundraising events raising \$6,633.20 for assisting those in need from our local community.



SHMC Bike Night

On the 3rd Thursday of the month April – October from 6-8pm, SHMC hosted a bike night at 6 Bears and a Goat, Fredericksburg, VA. In addition to the entertainment, there are door prizes and a 50/50 drawing. This event generated over \$5,000 last year with the proceeds going to assist local families or organizations in need.



Assisting Our Community

Stafford Sherriff Toy Drive

In keeping with the Christmas spirit, SHMC has supported the Stafford County Sherriff's Office Annual Holiday Toy Drive. On December 17th, SHMC made a trip to Target in Stafford, VA where club members purchased toys for children ages 1 to 16 years old, then delivered them to the Sherriff's office, and placed them under the tree while presenting a check for \$550 to assist families during the holiday.



***"Serving community needs and
inspiring community service
with our time, talents, and
treasures." - ZUKO 2018***

Other community organizations and causes supported by SHMC in 2022

Law Enforcement United
Veterans Assistance
War Horse Forge
Stafford Food Security
Childhood Cancer Research
Medical Expense Assistance
Sgt. Mac Foundation
Boulder Crest Retreat
Law Enforcement Equipment



Driven by a desire to make a positive impact on our community by supporting those in need and honoring the fallen, SHMC celebrated its 17th anniversary of community service last month. Again a sincere **THANK YOU** to all of you that supported SHMC in 2022. We appreciate your continued support.

Please consider coming out to one of our events in 2023. We look forward to seeing you!

In Service,
SHMC

Key Dates in 2023

Event	Date	Time
SHMC Bike Night at 6 Bears and a Goat; Fredericksburg, VA	Every 3rd Thursday April - October	6-8pm
Christmas in July for Sgt. Mac Foundation at Jimmy's Old Town Tavern in Herndon, VA	July 9	TBD
Davey's Battle Brothers Ride	September 30	TBD
Chili Cook Off / Softball Tournament at Fred Nats Stadium	November 4	TBD
More events coming soon!		

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SHMC is a registered IRS 501(c)(3) public charity. Our primary mission is to provide assistance to the families of fallen public safety personnel and veterans. This is accomplished via grants, scholarships, etc. These are funded by private donations, sponsorships, and a variety of fundraising activities throughout the year.

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