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# Louis DeJoy and Aldona Vos Family Foundation Supports the Patriot Foundation and Sponsors their 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Soldiers Appreciation Dinner

The Louis DeJoy and Aldona Vos Family Foundation is proud to continue its funding to the Patriot Foundation and sponsorship of their 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Soldiers Appreciation Dinner, held on September 21, 2019 at the Pinehurst Resort Carolina Hotel in Pinehurst, North Carolina. Corporate and foundation sponsors were honored at the dinner.



Founded in 2003, the Patriot Foundation supports families of servicemen and women killed, wounded, injured, or seriously ill, in the Global War on Terrorism.

The organizations supported by the Patriot Foundation include the following Ft. Bragg organizations: 82nd Airborne Division, U.S. Army Special Operations Command, Warrior Transition Battalion, Survivor Outreach Services, XVIII Airborne Corps, and the Joint Special Operations Command. In 2011, they also supported the Navy SEAL Foundation. Additionally, in 2015 they began supporting the families of the 101st Airborne Division (Ft. Campbell, KY). In 2017, the Patriot Foundation began supporting families of the 10th Special Forces Group and 4th Infantry Division at Ft. Carson, CO. Between 2011 and 2018, the foundation provided over \$4,000,000 to help the families, and since 2003, has donated over \$5,000,000 and provided over 1,800 college scholarships, as well as child care for spouses who need to go back to school.

The Patriot Foundation has been recognized by the Southern Pines Pilot as a “winner” that “touches many lives” and has been praised by former Commanding Generals of the 82nd Airborne Division, the XVIII Airborne Corps, U. S. Army Forces Command, as well as, GEN Ray Odierno, former Chief of Staff of the Army, who stated, “You represent what I have never seen to this extent before – a dedication to our soldiers and their families and an appreciation for the sacrifice that they have shown over the last 10 years.”

In addition, the State of North Carolina gave the Patriot Foundation exceptional recognition in the form of a Proclamation which was presented at the 2015 Soldiers Appreciation Dinner. The Proclamation states, “that the Patriot Foundation creates hope and opportunity for those who have sacrificed so much for the freedom and security of a grateful nation and the State of North Carolina”. Former Governor Pat McCrory proclaimed September 26, 2015 as “SOLDIER APPRECIATION DAY” in North Carolina.