**Tapper - Hicks Freedom 5K Run/Walk**

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  We hosted our 2nd Annual Tapper-Hicks Freedom 5K Run/Walk on April 26, 2014 in Atco, NJ.

This fundraising event was initiated to create scholarships to honor and remember Petty Officer 1st Class (SEAL) David M. Tapper, USN and Lance Corporal Jon T. Hicks, Jr., USMC for their service and sacrifice to our nation.

David, a 13-year Navy SEAL veteran attended Edgewood High School (now Winslow High School) and was in Afghanistan conducting operations in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.  Jon, an Infantry Assultman in the Marines, attended Hammonton High School and was deployed to Ashraf, Iraq in Anbar Providence with the 2nd Battalion.

The event allowed us to commit $4,000 for our Scholarship funds this year.

Scholarships will be awarded to High School Seniors who will be attending college.

PO1 (SEAL) David M. Tapper, USN Memorial Scholarship

(2) Athletic Scholarships will be awarded to two Winslow High School Students in Memory of David M. Tapper.

1. The First Athletic Scholarship is given in Remembrance of Alumni David M. Tapper to a Senior Varsity Wrestler in the amount of $1,000.
2. The Second Athletic Scholarship is given in Remembrance of Alumni David M. Tapper to a Female Senior Varsity Soccer Player in the amount of $1,000.

Lance Corporal Jon T. Hicks, Jr. USMC Scholarship for Most Improved Male and Female in Academics

(2) Academic Scholarships awarded to two Hammonton High School Students in Memory of Jon T. Hicks, Jr. who attend HHS. – (1) Senior Male & (1) Senior Female for Most Improved in Academics.

1. Both Academic Scholarships are given in Remembrance of Alumni Jon T. Hicks, Jr. in the amount of $1,000.

Highlights of Event

Paul McDermott, President of the War Memorial Committee kicked off the event with these opening remarks On behalf of our Committee, I would like to thank everyone for this remarkable turn out.    Our committee was formed in 2004 after we lost Petty Officer 1st class David Tapper in Afghanistan in 2003. In 2007 we lost LCPL Jon T. Hicks Jr. in Iraq. This race is to honor and remember their service and sacrifice to our Nation. College Scholarships in their names will be provided to the High Schools they attended. David attended Edgewood which is now Winslow High School and Jon attended Hammonton High school.”   McDermott continued by thanking all the community sponsors for making this event possible.

Over 240 runners/walkers lined up in anticipation as "Star Spangle Banner was sung.

Then McDermott said the traditional “On your Mark, Get Set, Go!” The horn blew and the race was off.

Groups from Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, the Camden County Sherriff’s Office and Waterford Fire Department supported the event.

The event concluded with awards ceremony. The top male & female overall finishers received a cash award of $250 and dog tag metals were given to 1st, 2nd & 3rd place finishers.

Brian Quilty, age 24, crossed the finish line first. He took the title of Top Overall Male Finisher with an impressive time of 16:25.

Stephanie Heister, age 18, finished with a time of 20:42.

The War Memorial Committee thanks all who attended and our community sponsors.

For more information please contact Paul McDermott @ president@wtwmc.org

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