

12TH ANNUAL SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION



INJURED WARRIOR APPRECIATION RUN

Ride for the Warriors
Sunday, October 15, 2023

Presented by the Orange Coast H.O.G. Chapter and
Orange County Harley-Davidson to benefit

Warrior Foundation~Freedom Station

Visit us on Facebook at Injured Warrior Appreciation Run (IWAR) or our webpage injuredwarriorride.com



Ladies and Gentlemen:

Freedom is such a simple concept, yet we rarely stop to think about it on a conscious level. It is simply our way of life. For most of us, we have never known anything but absolute freedom. It is a gift, given to us by the kindness of strangers. They are people we will never meet. They will never know our names or those of our families and loved ones. And yet, they run without hesitation directly into the path of danger every day for people like us so we may enjoy this great gift of freedom. Tragically when these selfless and brave individuals are injured the care needed to assist them simply falls short.

In 2004, Warrior Foundation ~ Freedom Station was founded in San Diego by Sandy Lehmkuhler. It is a program that provides much needed medical care through transitional resources to assist our warriors back into civilian life. The incredible success of this program led to Ms. Lehmkuhler's nomination and award in 2015 of the prestigious Spirit of Hope Award presented by the Secretary of Defense in Washington D.C.

The Orange Coast Harley Owners Group and Orange County Harley-Davidson have joined together with Warrior Foundation ~ Freedom Station to sponsor a motorcycle ride to raise much needed funds for the WF ~ FS organization. The inaugural ride was in 2012 and 2021 was the 10th year. Each year of the event has been quite successful in attendance, sponsors and, of course, in funds raised for the Warrior Foundation ~ Freedom Station. This year the ride destination will be the Mt. Soledad Memorial. This event is a wonderful opportunity for people in our communities to support and thank those brave individuals that now need our support. In addition, it provides the warriors with an important opportunity to experience the care and gratitude for their many sacrifices.

We invite you to join us in making a difference in the lives of these brave men, women and their families by supporting our event as a sponsor. Your generous sponsorship donations help us to cover the direct expenses of this event so that 100% of the net funds raised by this ride go directly to support the Warriors thru the work terrific work done by the Warrior Foundation ~ Freedom Station [Non-Profit 501(c)3 (Tax ID# 20-0067633)].

Warrior Foundation ~ Freedom Station is NOT affiliated with a 'nationally publicized' charity organization whose name is similar. Warrior Foundation ~ Freedom Station is largely an all-volunteer force with CEO and Founder, Sandy, still not drawing a salary after 19 years! Enclosed in these materials you will find a copy of their IRS Form 990 which verifies their financial responsibility.

The Orange Coast H.O.G. Chapter has approximately 350 members representing a segment of Orange County's business and community leaders, residents, teachers and members of the police, fire and sheriff departments. The ride is open to all motorcycle riders. In prior years the event has received media coverage from the OC register, some LA based TV stations and various magazines.

In closing, we thank you for your thoughtful consideration in helping us to help those who preserve our freedom.

Sincerely,

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WARRIOR FOUNDATION

FREEDOM STATION

Warrior Foundation - Freedom Station Mission Statement

Founded in 2004, Warrior Foundation - Freedom Station aims to be the leading force in assisting, honoring and supporting the military men and women who have so bravely served and sacrificed for our country. We are committed to supporting our warriors in a variety of ways, providing quality-of-life items, support services and transitional housing designed to assist them and their families during recovery.

Warrior Foundation - Freedom Station assists four main groups of warriors: the seriously injured just returning home from war; those suffering from post-traumatic stress or traumatic brain injury; those undergoing physical or occupational therapy, and warriors who have been medically retired and remain in our community. To serve this last group in particular, we pioneered a new approach and opened Freedom Station – a unique recovery transition center and housing facility that provides injured warriors with the acclimation time, guidance and resources needed to successfully transition from military service to civilian life.

We Vow To Be A Hand Up Not A Handout...

The Warrior Foundation - Freedom Station is a 501(c)3 organization operated by an all-volunteer staff. With your continued support, it is an honor to be able to serve those who are serving our country.

FREEDOM STATION USA

Helping Injured Warriors Transition from Military Service to Civilian Life

A train station is where people go to begin a journey, or change course toward a new destination. That was the idea behind Freedom Station USA, a years-long labor of love by Navy wife Sandy Lehmkuhler. While volunteering at Naval Medical Center San Diego in 2004, Ms. Lehmkuhler was distraught to find that the hospital's injured were in need of some basic quality-of-life items. Spurred by a conversation with two amputees who required special electric razors for shaving, she went on the radio to make a plea for donations and the Warrior Foundation was born. In partnership with the San Diego Council of the U.S. Navy League and under the guidance of its president at the time, retired Navy Commander Jim Bedinger, the Warrior Foundation gained its status as a 501(c)3 nonprofit and has since been dedicated to assisting military men and women who have served for our country in the War Against Terrorism. The foundation provides every kind of support imaginable, from airfare and hotel rooms for parents coming to their injured children's bedsides, special sunglasses for those whose retinas detached after IED blasts, modified combat boots for prosthetic limbs, and hundreds of plane tickets to send warriors home every year for Christmas.

The day you find out you can no longer be in the military is a hard day.

In her work with the Warrior Foundation, Ms. Lehmkuhler realized there was a specific group of warriors who needed assistance in one crucial area – the transition from military to civilian life. The day that a Marine, soldier or sailor is told he can no longer be in the military as a result of his or her injuries is a very hard day. This particular group of warriors often enter a period fraught with fear, uncertainty and self-doubt as they await their medical retirement. They told Ms. Lehmkuhler what they needed was a supportive environment to assist with the transition to civilian life. It is during this critical transition that veterans may fall through the cracks and are at risk of homelessness or joblessness, as evidenced by Vietnam-era veterans who still constitute one of America's largest homeless populations.

The veteran situation is unique in San Diego, one of the largest military industrial complexes in the world. According to a report by the National University System Institute for Policy Research, on any given night, between 1,700 to 2,000 veterans in San Diego sleep in temporary shelters or unsheltered conditions. According to the same report, over any 12-month period, approximately 3,700 veterans in San Diego experience at least one night of homelessness. The economic conditions facing younger veterans are especially difficult, increasing the risk that some will experience prolonged periods of homelessness.

The “missing link.”

While they may not be in a war zone anymore, injured servicemen and women face new challenges when they return home – the often untold story of coping with injuries, rehabilitation and a transition to civilian life. Ms. Lehmkuhler was determined to ensure that the men and women who risked their lives for our country would not fall on hard times once they could no longer serve. She and a group of highly dedicated volunteers made it their passion project to deliver what our military members were asking for – a recovery transition center called Freedom Station. This home for heroes would serve as the “missing link” and proactively combat veteran homelessness and joblessness, instead of react to it once it was too late. With this vision in mind, Freedom Station celebrated its grand opening in May 2011.

Freedom Station fills the void in San Diego for a transitional environment that servicemen and women often lack as they return to life outside of the military. Troops who have been injured in combat can return home with post-traumatic stress disorder, spinal cord injuries, amputations, traumatic brain injuries, burns and blindness. They find themselves not only coping with injuries, but facing medical retirement and an uncertain new life outside of the Armed Forces. Freedom Station creates a transitional period for acclimating to civilian life and also serves as a “training ground” for challenges ranging from new careers and college entry to monthly budgeting and home buying.

The capital was raised to lease and open the Freedom Station 12-unit housing complex over the course of several years. The property was selected partly for its location just minutes away from Naval Medical Center San Diego, which would make it easier for warriors to receive the medical treatment that is so important to their physical and emotional recovery.

The housing complex's design was an equally significant factor. With four apartments and eight cottages all surrounding a central courtyard, Freedom Station was ideally set up to offer the camaraderie that is so crucial to veterans during the transition period. They are able to feel a true sense of community as they recover among their peers, share war stories and know they are supported by others who understand firsthand the harsh realities of war. Prior to opening the facility, Freedom Station invested a significant amount of capital into making necessary modifications, such as installing wheelchair-accessible ramps and converting several of the apartments to be ADA-compliant. Additionally, each unit was fully furnished and move-in ready, stocked with everything from cleaning supplies to place settings on each dining table. The idea was to shift the warriors from a "barracks mentality" to independent living by including the kinds of household items they would require in daily life.

In addition to providing a home, Freedom Station realized that during this critical time, warriors would also face many decisions that would affect the rest of their lives. They needed help pursuing a career, choosing and enrolling in a college or vocational school, learning how to manage their finances, and locating or purchasing independent housing. Freedom Station provides assistance with, and access to, professionals and qualified volunteers who assist with educational and career guidance, and other issues relevant to transitioning to civilian life. These services are provided to residents because a helping hand at this point - between the military and the seemingly awesome task of returning to civilian life - is the best way to help solve some of the issues caused by wartime.

The importance of timing the transition and being a hand up, not a handout.

While other military housing and transitional facilities exist in the country, there are two key ways in which Freedom Station differs, which have ultimately led to its success. As such, the organization hopes to serve as a national model for similar developments.

The first differentiator is that most military housing facilities are designed to work with service members after they have already been retired or discharged from the military. In many cases, these veterans may already be having trouble and experiencing "fish out of water" syndrome. Freedom Station understands that the transition needs to take place before a military member leaves the service, giving them the necessary time to acclimate. When a warrior finds out he's no longer going to be able to be in the military, for the most part, it takes about a year longer to be discharged. Instead of allowing them to continue living in the barracks as if active-duty military, Freedom Station saw the value in providing a comforting and supportive environment that would prepare warriors for life outside the military. To not do so in the manner that Freedom Station has constructed would be very hard and stressful on service members; therefore, an average 11-month timeframe for residency is provided. The organization is also unique in that it works directly with Naval Medical Center San Diego, and other local military medical facilities, whose staff and medical personnel are uniquely qualified to identify those most in need of a transitional home.

Secondly, Freedom Station is a hand up, not a hand out. The environment prepares residents for real-world civilian challenges. One of the most vital is having monthly expenses and taking care of those responsibilities. In addition to paying rent, they have utilities to manage, groceries and more. Many military transitional housing facilities are free and do not charge their residents any rent - an unrealistic preparation for real-world living. Although Freedom Station pays the lease on the property every month, residents pay a small amount of rent and are taught how to save and begin to move on. We are in the process of trying to purchase the property with the help of some very supportive donors. The Doyle Foundation, Blue Angel Foundation, KFMB Radio and TV Stations, Mor Furniture, Turner Construction, and Ashford University-Bridgepoint Education.

Journey to a new life.

As evidenced by Freedom Station "graduates" and success stories, the existence of a supportive transitional environment for our military men and women can make all the difference as they begin a new journey outside the service. It is Freedom Station's hope to eventually purchase the facility and open additional facilities in the San Diego area, continuing to meet the needs of our military heroes and ensuring their successful transition to self-sufficient, productive and contributing members of society.

For more information on Warrior Foundation-Freedom Station, please visit www.warriorfoundation.org.

by Sandy Moul



WARRIOR FOUNDATION

FREEDOM STATION

January 27, 2016

Warrior Foundation-Freedom Station is issuing a statement of clarification in the wake of a CBS News investigative report that appeared yesterday on Wounded Warrior Project – a completely separate and distinct veterans’ organization that has absolutely no relation whatsoever to Warrior Foundation-Freedom Station.

We have been flooded with inquiries from the public and donors who have confused our two organizations simply because of the word “warrior” in the name. Warrior Foundation-Freedom Station has no affiliation to Wounded Warrior Project and is not the subject of the CBS News report. This confusion has unfortunately already negatively impacted Warrior Foundation-Freedom Station and it is urgent that the distinction between our organizations is acknowledged and understood.

Since our inception in 2004, Warrior Foundation-Freedom Station has proudly been an all-volunteer organization with no paid staff. We are very proud of the army of volunteers who work tirelessly to provide quality-of-life items, support services, and transitional housing to our injured warriors right here in San Diego. Please share this message and help support our mission to honor and support the military men and women who bravely served and sacrificed for our country. It is a privilege to do the work we do, and our door is always open to those wanting to learn more about our foundation.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact:

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Warrior Foundation-Freedom Station
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Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

2021

Open to Public Inspection

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.

Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

A For the 2021 calendar year, or tax year beginning _____, and ending _____

B Check if applicable:
 Address change
 Name change
 Initial return
 Final return/terminated
 Amended return
 Application pending

C Name of organization: **WARRIOR FOUNDATION FREEDOM STATION**
 Doing business as _____
 Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
1223 1/2 28TH STREET A
 City or town State ZIP code
San Diego CA 92102
 Foreign country name Foreign province/state/county Foreign postal code

D Employer identification number: **20-0067633**

E Telephone number: **(619) 204-3611**

F Name and address of principal officer:
SANDY LEHMKUHLER 1223 1/2 28TH STREET, STE A, San Diego, CA

G Gross receipts \$ **3,880,920**

H(a) Is this a group return for subsidiaries? Yes No
H(b) Are all subsidiaries included? Yes No
 If "No," attach a list. See instructions.

I Tax-exempt status: 501(c)(3) 501(c) () (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527


J Website: **WWW.WARRIORFOUNDATION.ORG**

K Form of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other

L Year: **2003** **M** State of legal domicile: **CA**

Part I Summary		Prior Year	Current Year
Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: WITH QUALITY-OF-LIFE ITEMS, SUPPORT SERVICES AND... PROVIDING OUR WARRI... ASSIST		
	2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization is a private operating foundation.		
	3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VIII, column (A), line 2)	3	17
	4 Number of independent directors (Part VIII, column (A), line 3)	4	14
	5 Total number of independent directors (Part VIII, column (A), line 4)	5	2
	6 Total number of members (estimated, if necessary) (Part VIII, column (A), line 5)	6	1,540
	7 Total unrelated business gross income (Part VIII, column (A), line 6)	7a	0
	7b		
Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, column (A), line 1)	3,282,535	3,348,067
	9 Program service income (Part VIII, column (A), line 2g)	134,155	159,720
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 5d)	136,018	235,969
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 8b, 8c, 9, 10c, and 11e)	107,887	126,428
	12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	3,660,595	3,870,224
	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	302,865	430,505
Expenses	14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		0
	15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)	162,249	254,536
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0	0
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25)	173,363	
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)	1,447,955	1,453,403	
18 Total expenses. Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	1,913,069	2,138,444	
19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	1,747,526	1,731,780	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20 Total assets (Part X, line 15)	Beginning of Current Year 14,129,560	End of Year 16,017,755
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	957,152	898,329
	22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	13,172,408	15,119,426

Benefits paid to Members \$0.00
Salaries or other compensation \$254,536
Professional Fundraising fees \$0.00



Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here

Signature of officer: **SANDY LEHMKUHLER** Date: **CEO/FOUNDER**
 Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name: **Roland W Munger** Preparer's signature: *[Signature]* Date: **8/1/2022** Check if self-employed PTIN: **P01871456**
 Firm's name: **Munger & Company, CPAs** Firm's EIN: **47-3342732**
 Firm's address: **2170 South El Camino Real, Suite 217, Oceanside, CA 92054** Phone no.: **760-730-8020**

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions. Yes No

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STARS & STRIPES

\$4,000

Ride registration for 4 individuals
4 ride t-shirts
Logo on ride t-shirt and event banner
Access to VIP staging/parking area at OCHD

RED

\$2,500

Ride registration for 3 individuals
3 ride t-shirts
Logo on ride t-shirt and event banner
Access to Sponsor staging/parking area at OCHD

WHITE

\$1,000

Ride registration for 2 individuals
2 ride t-shirts
Name on ride t-shirt and event banner
Access to Sponsor staging/parking area at OCHD

BLUE

\$500

Ride registration for 2 individuals
2 ride t-shirts
Name on event banner
Access to VIP staging/parking area at OCHD

BLACK

\$250

Ride registration for 2 individuals
2 ride t-shirts
Name on event banner

All sponsorship donations will be used to offset costs of the event. Remaining monies will be donated to Warrior Foundation ~ Freedom Station. Charity receipt will be provided for tax purposes.

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Sponsor name _____

Organization _____

Sponsor address _____

Telephone _____ email _____ www _____

- Sponsorship level desired:
- Stars & Stripes (\$4,000)
 - Red (\$2,500)
 - White (\$1,000)
 - Blue (\$500)
 - Other (\$200)
 - Donations in kind: _____

Approximate value: _____

Please indicate your ride t-shirt sizes:

Stars & Stripes = 4 Red = 3 White = 2 Blue = 2 Other = 2

T-shirt sizes: S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____ XXXL _____

Please make all checks payable to Warrior Foundation~Freedom Station and mail to:
Richard Rahe | Attn: IWAR | 11082 Meads Ave., Orange, CA 92869

If you have questions, please contact our Sponsorship Chair, Richard Rahe, at sponsorship@ochog.org.

We sincerely thank you for your support of the Injured Warrior Appreciation Run.

Sponsor signature _____ Date _____