

2011 Commander's Challenge

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The Adopt a Josh Dog Program

Included in this packet you will find a flyer informing you of the 2011 Commander's Challenge to have each squadron in the Detachment of Illinois send in a \$25 donation (or more) for the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation or the Ride 2 Recovery program.

Please print and e-mail this flyer to as many of our members as you can. These two programs are my special projects for the year helping our Veterans and Children.

In this packet you will also find an order form and an adoption certificate for Josh Dogs. As many of you may remember I served as chairman of the now disbanded sub-committee on the National level for the Children's Miracle Network. During my year, the Josh Dog program was a commander's goal program under Past National Commander Tommie Cisna. Five dollars of every Josh Dog sold goes directly to CMN to aid them in the treatment of hospitalized children.

CWF promoter PDC Carl Stratton spoke with me about starting an adoption program for Josh Dogs as a way to help us in our Children & Youth goals for the year. I agreed to this idea and you now see before you the start of that process.

Please purchase as many Josh Dogs as you can and fill out an adoption certificate for each dog purchased and get them to PDC Mark Melone (Chicago Children's Hospital), PDC Garrett Slevin, Sr. (Peoria Children's Hospital), myself Butch Ray (St. John's Children's Hospital), or Carl Stratton (Barnes Children's Hospital). These dogs will be handed out to children unfortunate enough to be hospitalized.

The Adoption certificates can be signed by individual members, or signed as adopted by a Squadron, Post, Unit, Chapter, District, or Division. This will show the children and their families the identity of those of us who care enough to bring a smile to the face of a child.

Please contact myself or the Detachment Adjutant for assistance with any of this information.

For God and Country:

Guided By Tradition

Harl "Butch" Ray, Commander

Detachment of Illinois