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\$12,000 Raised in the Second Annual Veterans Benefit Voyage

NORTHUMBERLAND, PA – The North Shore Railroad Company & Affiliates (NSHR) was honored to announce \$12,000 was raised from the second annual Veterans Benefit Voyage - which took place in Lewisburg this past November.

NSHR is thankful to everyone who supported this fundraiser - from buying a ticket to ride the train to purchasing a sweatshirt or hat - each one contributed to making this such a success and giving back to our Nation's Veterans.

In 2024, NSHR dedicated two of its locomotives to the brave members of the United States Military. LVRR 9052 is the Veterans Unit and LVRR 9050 is the Memorial Unit.

It has been the NSHR's goal to use the Military units to not only bring awareness and a reminder of the sacrifice of the United States Military members (in the viewing of the units in regular freight service), but also to be utilized to raise money for nonprofit organizations that support and help Veterans. This past summer, North Shore opened an application process to qualifying, nonprofit, Veteran organizations.

Central PA Wreaths Across America (WAA)

Several years ago, a small group of Central Pennsylvania individuals formed a consortium of like-minded people to HONOR, REMEMBER, and TEACH future generations about the brave men and women that signed their name on the dotted line to protect and defend our freedoms. Each December, through Wreaths Across America, 30 local communities gather to lay wreaths and say the name of each Veteran buried in participating cemeteries. The mission is growing each year! Together, they work as one to raise funds for this endeavor, promoting the vision to include more communities as we draw the region together to pay tribute to Central PA heroes. WAA's main goal is to ensure that veterans buried in cemeteries that have joined their consortium receive wreaths during the nationwide Wreaths Across America Day. They also

promote the national campaign of REMEMBER the fallen, HONOR those who serve, and TEACH our children the value of freedom.

Heroes & Horses (H&H)

Heroes & Horses was developed to serve our Veterans. They work to help improve lives of our Nation's heroes through connection with horses. Whether it's through riding (which is optional) or just hanging out and grooming, H&H has developed this program to assist Veterans and show just what horses have to offer - in ways of healing the mind, body, and soul. H&H uses their horses to help Veterans identify their anxiety (sometimes when they don't know they have it). 2025 is H&H's 10-Year Anniversary. In those ten years, their program has saved nine Veterans' lives. No Veteran is charged for their services and the H&H's horse farm sets aside funds for meals for Veterans.

Other nonprofits who support Veterans can apply for future fundraising at www.nshr.com/veteranapp.

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Our mission at the North Shore Railroad Company is to be the most customer focused and safest transportation system possible, provide quality regional rail freight service to customers in Central Pennsylvania, conduct our business with the highest degree of integrity and professionalism, and be responsible civic partners with the communities we serve. Our six short lines are the Juniata Valley Railroad, the Lycoming Valley Railroad, the Nittany & Bald Eagle Railroad, the North Shore Railroad, the Shamokin Valley Railroad, and the Union County Industrial Railroad.



