

PKS Celebrates 11th Anniversary For Kayak for the Warriors

By Jean McDanal

Are your running shoes, kayaks and paddleboards ready for the 11th Annual Kayak for the Warriors events? What started 11 years ago with eight stalwart paddlers has blossomed into a full week's worth of events. The events comprise the major fundraiser for Hope For The Warriors, an organization whose mission is to help those warrior heroes and families who have sacrificed so much in the name of freedom.

Pine Knoll Shores has always come out in full force to support these activities. Without our volunteers, none of this would be possible. We are lucky to have such outstanding leaders who willingly step up each year to organize these activities. If you would like to get involved in any aspect, just email coordinator@k4tw.org. The following people are the lead contacts for all of the events:

- 5K/1K Beacon's Reach Beach Run—Bob Holman
- Coordinator & Publicity—Jean McDanal
- Financial Officer—Julie Anderson
- Loaner Kayaks—John and Donna Fountain
- Logistics—Jeanette and Buz Jenkins
- Manpower—Dom Baccollo
- Photography—Mindi Byrd and Amy Mansfield
- Drone Video—Chris Lojack
- Race Day Activities—Sam Scudder
- Race Safety—Rob Cheshire
- Raffle—Elaine Holt
- Reception/Auction Day Activities—Celeste Lindley
- Saturday Picnic—Pine Knoll Shores Realty
- Website/Social Media—Donna Fountain

Programs provided by Hope For The Warriors vary. They include spouse scholarships; Warrior's Wish grants; meeting immediate needs to aid in the recovery process and transition to life beyond; the Warrior House that provides adaptive living quarters for wounded families until long-term arrangements can be made; the Family Support Program; Above and Beyond, a program designed to provide professional tools and guidance to move beyond recovery; and an outreach program providing education and other resources.

Hope For The Warriors is an organization serving our wounded that has had a four-star rating from Charity Navigator for seven years in a row. Charity Navigator

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PKS Celebrates 18th Year as Tree City USA



Pine Knoll Shores celebrated Arbor Day on March 16. The Community Appearance Commission (CAC) was recognized and once again the town was designated as a Tree City USA. During a brief ceremony at town hall, Commissioner Clark Edwards welcomed guests and CAC Chairman Lois Jean O'Keefe gave opening remarks. NC Forest Ranger Zach Taylor was on hand to present the traditional Tree City USA banner to the town. Pine Knoll Shores is one of only two towns in Carteret County with the Tree City USA designation; Beaufort is the other. Pictured, from top left: Building Inspector Jim Taylor, CAC member Harold Brown, CAC member Mary MacDonald, CAC Vice Chair Harold Green, CAC Chairman Lois Jean O'Keefe, CAC member Clare Winslow, Ranger Zach Taylor and Commissioner Clark Edwards.

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