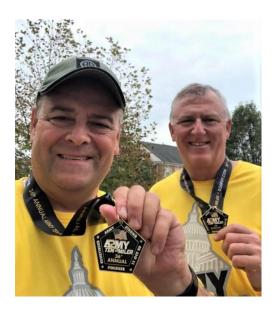


## VA AOH VET Affairs Update OCT 2020 (2)

Officers, Presidents, Brothers,

I sent the OCT memo out earlier, but wanted to send an update. If you want to add a rep to the distro, please send me their name and email.

Virtual Army 10-Miler – The Washington DC had its annual Army 10-Miler earlier this month. Due to COVID-19, it was held virtually. This meant runners and walkers did it on their own, and sent in the times and photos to earn the medal. Congrats to all for the hard work, and for the time spent training. Among the runners were some our own AOH members, Cole Slattery and Devin Ruic.









**Sweats for Vets –** Over the past 16 years, the local Knights of Columbus and the Ancient Order of Hibernians have collected and distributed thousands of new sweat outfits to our veterans in residence (or local patients) at the Veterans Medical facility in Martinsburg, WVA. This year's program to secure 800 new sweat outfits is now underway for distribution in early January 2021. Attached is a list of items that they are looking for.

**Irish BDE Marines -** American Continental Marines fought in the American Revolution / War for Independence. The United States Marines fought in America's Second War for Independence (1812 – 1815). There were Marines on both sides of the American Civil War. There has been no shortage of Irish names in the pantheon of American Marine heroes. See the attached for more names and history.

**Willing Warrior Gala** – Since 2006, Willing Warriors (WW) has made it a mission to provide cost-free retreat stays and programs that positively impact wounded, ill, or injured service members, disabled veterans, and their families. WW is entirely community funded, with a Retreat in Bull Run, VA. Donations help continue taking care of those who have given so much! See the below link to their Virtual Gala with great, online auction items to raise funds for this cause. Visit <a href="www.willingwarriors.org">www.willingwarriors.org</a> for more information. You can also donate via phone and email (703-785-8980, eboney.crump@willingwarriors.org).



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