

The Wilfredo Perez Jr. Memorial Fund
In memory of Spc. Wilfredo Perez Jr., who lost his life serving our country.



March 2009

A brief overview of the fund.

The 6th Annual Spc. Wilfredo Perez Jr. Memorial Golf Classic will be Monday June 1, 2009 at Silvermine Golf Club here in Norwalk. Registration begins at 8:30 shotgun 10:00. We hope to see you there.

Last year was our most successful year since the Memorial Fund was established shortly after my son lost his life in Iraq on July 26, 2003 – not only for fundraising but also for our ability to donate to other organizations supporting our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan, our returning soldiers in need and our state's disabled veterans.

Since 2004, we've awarded \$20,000 in college scholarships in honor of my son to graduating ROTC students at Norwalk High and Brien McMahon High Schools. Last year, we donated \$10,000 to put a gazebo and a shed on the grounds of the state's new Veteran's Health Center in Rocky Hill and \$1,000 to the Connecticut Vietnam Veterans Memorial, which was erected in Coventry last May 17 to honor the 612 men who lost their lives in Vietnam. Since 2007, we've donated \$3,500 in postage to help four local organizations – Adopt-a-Platoon, Sons of Italy, Nathan Hale Middle School and Under One Roof – to ship essential supplies and blankets to overseas troops.

In 2009, besides awarding \$7,500 in scholarships, we will also donate \$3,000 to the Honor Flight Network to fly 10 World War II veterans to Washington, DC, to visit the WWII memorial. Lastly, we've established a "Leave No Veteran Behind/Purple Heart Program" to aid homeless veterans and work with Homes for the Brave in Bridgeport.

My family and I thank each and every one of you for your continuous support. Your support not only honors my son; it honors the memories of all Connecticut servicemen and servicewomen who lost their lives serving our country in response to the 9/11 attacks.

Feel free to call me with any questions 203-515-0666.

I hope to see you all soon.

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Please forward this to anyone you think may support our cause.

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