



# Blue Devil Association Annual Meeting & Silent Auction Fall 2017



You are invited to attend the Blue Devil Association Fall Annual Meeting & Dinner, Silent Auction, & Program Wednesday 1 November 2017 @ Mancini's Char House, 531 West 7th Street, St Paul, MN 55102 Social and Silent Auction from 600 to 700 PM, Dinner @ 700 PM with a program to follow. Guest speaker is COL Neil Hetherington. He will discuss the topic "A Counterinsurgency Program in an Urban Environ-

ment - winning the hearts and minds of the urban teen." Currently Neil is the Senior Army Instructor for the JROTC Program at the General Colin L. Powell Leadership Academy, Minneapolis, MN.

Colonel (Retired) Neil Hetherington hails from Bethpage, New York. He was commissioned a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant of Infantry through the ROTC program at the State University of New York at Fredonia. He entered active duty in 1984 and served his first assignment as an Infantry platoon leader with the 5<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division at Ft. Polk, LA. Throughout his 28 years of commissioned service he has served in a variety of staff and leadership positions ranging from platoon all the way to Department of the Army Staff while stationed at the Pentagon. Colonel (Retired) Hetherington has served in all three components of the Army; the Active, the Army National Guard and the Army Reserve. He is a graduate of the US Army Command and General Staff College, the Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, and the US Army Ranger and Airborne Schools. He has numerous awards and decorations to include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal. Colonel (Retired) Hetherington has a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the State University of New York at Fredonia and a Master of Arts in Leadership from Augsburg College. He is currently the Senior Army Instructor for the JROTC Program at the General Colin L. Powell Leadership Academy, Minneapolis, MN. Colonel (Retired) Hetherington has 18 year old twins Peter and Wynne and resides in Eagan, MN

The Blue Devil Association is a 501(c)3 nonprofit. Our mission is to support Soldiers and families.

The Blue Devil Association continues to provide financial support to soldiers and families in the 88th. Funds have been used to provide assistance for such needs as a lack of child support, medical conditions such as cancer, a child requiring a bone marrow transplant, and soldiers with post-traumatic-stress disorders.

We have expanded our mission to support the Minneapolis VA Polytrauma unit with financial support for Soldier activities with the VA. These outside activities help veterans to plan for and implement decisions that are part of their every day living. These outside activities help the Soldier adjust by doing activities most of us take for granted.

In 2017 we provided a \$500 grant for an air hockey table and activities such as haircuts, tickets to movie theaters, and vouchers to area restaurants that assist the Soldier with their re-integration into normal activities in the community.

This year we also supported the SSG Nathan Vacho Nursing Scholarship Fund with a \$500 grant in Ladysmith, Wisconsin. This scholarship will help a deserving student attend a nursing school.

Our fund raiser this year will be a Silent Auction. There will be 10 gift baskets donated by BDA board members. They include a gardening basket, a Minnesota theme basket, a golf basket, a fishing theme basket, a General Mills basket, 2 wine & cheese baskets, a chicken theme basket, a sports theme basket, and a Wild Card basket.

Since its inception the BDA has provided over \$68,000 to 88th soldiers and families. Your continued financial support makes this help possible. We look forward to your attendance and fellowship. Thank you for what you do for those who serve and sacrifice.

Blue Devil Board of Directors

President MG (Retired) George Steiner

## Dinner Reservations & Program Registration — Wednesday 1 November 2017

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_

\$35.00 @ meal w/gratuity: Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Walleye \_\_\_\_\_ Steak \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Reservations due 18 October 2017: Check payable to Blue Devil Association

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