This November, we celebrated Veterans Day and Military Family Appreciation month. Veterans are a group near and dear to the Red River community, a group we support all year round. It is only fitting that the pages of this newsletter are filled with examples of how the Red River Charitable Foundation has honored and supported our veterans, in November and throughout the year.

We have met and supported amazing individuals and organizations, all working to make a difference in the lives of those in our community. People like Bethie Coverdale, our first PTC Hero Award honoree. Bethie hiked 22 peaks in New Hampshire, often times with veterans by her side, to represent the 22 veterans who take their own lives in our country every day. Her journey inspired us to create the PTC Hero Award to shed light on others who are doing similarly amazing work in our communities.

We are once again partnered with Operation Hat Trick and the Boston Bruins Foundation to raise funds through the sale of limited-edition Bruins apparel. The last two years of the partnership have raised $89,000 for veteran causes and we hope to add significantly to that total this year.

Veterans now make up nearly 15% of the Red River workforce and we consistently benefit from their leadership, technical expertise and program management skills. We are continuing to develop opportunities and focus on attracting veterans to Red River. Veterans are a group we are honored to serve, both as our employees and in our community.

Veterans, thank you for your service. We hope we can serve you in some small way in return.

— Dan McGee
RRCF supports adaptive sports for disabled veterans

Red River is a sports crazy company and we have found several worthwhile ways to support our vets in the world of sports. We continue to sponsor the weekly Sled Hockey Clinics run by IceVets Adaptive Sports, an all-volunteer group that provides adaptive sports opportunities for veterans with disabilities. Clinics are on Mondays from 1:40 – 3:20 pm and run from October 1 – April 8. Last season they had more than 175 veterans participate, including a number of Red River volunteers. We welcome partners and non-NH based personnel to join in the fun – all equipment is provided! A special game was held on October 18 between Red River and IceVets players – the IceVets team came out the winner! The Red River roster included Richard Ackerman, Doug Adams, Tom Crapser, Roger Gillies, Chris Glock-Shambo, Hayleigh Roy, Bill Sailer, Gary Smith and Meredith Wilcox.

This January, the VA New England Winter Sports Clinic will be held near our Claremont location at Mount Sunapee, in NH. The event promotes rehabilitation by instructing veterans with various disabilities in adaptive alpine skiing and snowboarding, as well as kayaking, air rifle, yoga and wheelchair basketball. RRCF will donate funds for some veterans to attend and pay for their meals during the week, but this is also a chance to donate your time. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Kim Vacca.

The VA National Summer Sports Clinic was held in San Diego in September, and RRCF was able to sponsor lodging for seven veterans! Events and activities during the week included surfing, cycling, kayaking, archery and team building.
DID YOU KNOW?
November 11, 2018 marked the commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the signing of The Armistice recognized the significance of the end of the First World War and the sacrifice made by so many men and women during the war.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN VETERANS DAY AND MEMORIAL DAY?
Celebrated the last Monday in May, Memorial Day is the holiday set aside to pay tribute to those who died serving in the military.

Veterans Day is a federal holiday, celebrated on November 11, and designated as a day to honor all who have served in the military. According to Military.com, Veterans Day began as Armistice Day to honor veterans of World War I. Armistice was replaced by the word “Veterans” in 1954 to honor American veterans of all wars.

Amanda Cray: Army 2002 - 2008
“I learned a lot about strength I did not know I had, when I felt like giving up or my body felt like giving up I realized my mind was more powerful.”
5 WAYS TO RECOGNIZE MILITARY FAMILY APPRECIATION MONTH:

1. SAY Thank you!

2. If you're in a position to do so, provide job opportunities and workplace flexibility for military spouses and veterans.

3. Offer to babysit! Military families often are stationed without any of their own family around for support – and often with a parent deployed. An hour or two of free childcare can be a sanity saver.

4. Perform a random act of kindness for the family, while remaining anonymous.

5. Donate to a veterans' charity on their behalf.

Jana Barry: USMC 1978-1984

“I met all kinds of different people, good and bad with all different personalities and walks of life. Opened my eyes to the real world and made me even stronger.”
Congratulations to the latest high school students for successfully completing Red River’s ThinkSMART program! Students interact with Red River employees and their peers to gain **skills, mentorship, access, readiness and technology** through hands-on IT troubleshooting, interviewing, presentation and business skills with the support of the Red River IT team and by learning from one another. This collaborative program incorporates real-world learning in a professional work environment. They earn high school credits, and the summer program culminates with the students doing a final group presentation in front of parents, teachers, school administration, and Red River staff. This year’s program was expanded to include an interactive tour of the Claremont MakerSpace, and a session presented by Claremont Savings Bank on credit, general banking, fraud and financial life skills.
I would like to officially thank Red River for providing the Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department Inc. a grant to purchase 2 GPS (Global Positioning System) units with uploaded topographic maps and Birdseye satellite photography. These 2 units will assist us in search and rescue efforts, mapping out forest fire area, and providing coordinates for a landing zone for the DHART helicopter. These new units have added a capability to our rescue gear. We are grateful for the grant and Red River’s commitment to give back to the community thus enhancing the safety of its members.

— Submitted by Doug Adams, RR Director, Federal Inside Sales, on behalf of the Plainfield NH Volunteer Fire Department

Montshire Museum of Science

Since February, RRCF has sponsored a discounted admission program for military families. So far, 1210 people have taken advantage of the opportunity. The museum is so pleased to see the growth in this program. RRCF loves the opportunity to support both of our causes, STEM and Veterans, in one simple program. Red River’s status as a Corporate Member provides Red River employees with free admission to the museum’s twice a year Employee Appreciation Events. Interested in learning more? Contact Kim Vacca at kim.vacca@redriver.com
Don’t forget to PTC!

Employees can contribute to the PTC (Positively Transforming Communities) Plan through an automatic payroll donation. 46% of employees participate in PTC and are helping Red River support and transform our communities, from disaster relief to student scholarships to adaptive sports programs for disabled veterans, and much more.

PTC Hero Award
RRCF honors those who go above and beyond to have a significant impact on the lives of others on a day-to-day basis. The PTC Hero Award was designed to pay tribute to and celebrate those who are Positively Transforming Communities. Employees must submit their 2018 nominations by 12/30/18. For more information or to submit your nomination, visit https://redrivercharitablefoundation.com/about-us/ptc-hero-award/

2nd Annual RRCF Employee Holiday Online Auction
Last year’s holiday auction raised more than $17,000 for RRCF. This year, the auction ran from Monday, November 5 to Friday, November 16. Items included Beats headphones, gently used BMW, luggage, roundtrip airfare, Bruins and Caps tickets, and so much more! The auction gives employees discounted holiday shopping opportunities, all while supporting RRCF! We raised almost $26,000 to support our STEM and veteran programs.

Be on the lookout for our new challenge coin, modeled after the military tradition of unit commanders giving coins in special recognition of exemplary service. These coins are given thoughtfully and judiciously to honor those who go above and beyond in support of Red River’s mission.
CELEBRATING

10 YEARS OF SCHOLARSHIPS

2018

2017

2016

2015

2014

2013

2012

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2009

2008

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RRCF Golf Classic

The day after Engage, partners joined Red River for the 12th Annual RRCF Golf Classic at The Quechee Club in Quechee, VT. The event had a whopping 40 teams spread across two golf courses with hole-in-one contests, air cannons, a silent auction, raffles and lots of friendly competition to raise money for RRCF. Prizes were awarded for closest to the pin, longest drive for both men and women, a putting contest, as well as both the first and last place team on each course. The event was also an opportunity to celebrate this year’s RRCF scholarship recipients, who were surprised with new Dell EMC laptops, monitors, printers, keyboards and backpacks.
“It was a great day on the course, having fun with guests and celebrating the amazing RRCF student scholarship recipients. I am thrilled that we are able to provide scholarships for these students and support their ongoing education in STEM related fields. The Foundation could not have chosen more qualified candidates, and we are endlessly thankful to our sponsors, partners and local business owners who continue to support us and the causes we believe in,”

—Rick Bolduc, Executive Chair, Board of Directors for Red River, President, RRCF

Special thank you to all of our sponsors who made this event such a success:

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$123K RAISED between Engage and the Golf Classic!

‘47 BRAND provided hats for each golfer.

221 Cans of SIP OF SUNSHINE sold (and drank)!
RRCF Golf Classic Pictures

Elyse Scott, 2018 Scholarship Winner
Engage 2018

In July Red River hosted our partner community at Engage 2018, our summer partner event. Held at our Claremont office, partners had the chance to share their latest products and offerings with the Red River team. This year, we included training opportunities as well: the event kicked off with 10 of our partners updating federal and commercial sales teams about their new tools, tips and solutions. Partners also joined Red River for an Executive Briefing to learn more about the Red River strategies for the upcoming year, and what to expect from the company. A record total of 36 partners were in attendance, including 10 first-time partners and 74 partner representatives.
Red River, Operation Hat Trick (OHT) and the Boston Bruins are partnering for the third time to present limited edition Bruins gear, with 100% of the proceeds supporting veteran organizations. 100% of the proceeds from the 2018-2019 OHT shirt and hat, presented by Red River, will provide financial assistance to wounded service members and veterans and fill gaps in care that are not covered by other programs or agencies. Last year’s fundraising total of $47,000 supported causes like the IceVets Adaptive sports program, Camp Resilience, and the VA’s Disabled Veterans New England Winter Sports Clinic. Visit redriver.com/oht to learn more.

RRCF can now accept donations from Amazon Smile! Smile is a website operated by Amazon where they donate 0.5% of the purchase price to a charity of your choice. A great way to support RRCF is to set us as your charity! Note: We are listed under our legal name – Red River Technology Foundation. Check it out just in time for holiday shopping: https://smile.amazon.com/
Upcoming Events

- IceVets Sled Hockey Clinics
  Lebanon, NH,
  Mondays from 10/1 to 4/8

- RRCF Employee Holiday
  Online Auction 11/5 – 11/16, 2018

- TechWoman Ambassador’s Event
  11/15 at Lebanon High School

- PTC Hero Award Nominations Due
  12/30/2018

- VA New England Winter Sports Clinic
  Sunapee, NH 1/14-18, 2019

- Company-wide Day of Service
  January 24, 2019 in Puerto Rico

- VA National Disabled Veterans
  Winter Sports Clinic
  Snowmass, CO 3/31 -4/5, 2019

- Girls Technology Day
  4/10 at Hypertherm in Lebanon, NH

- Save the Date! RRCF’s 13th Annual
  Charity Golf Classic
  July 18, 2019 at The Quechee Club
Thank you to our community partners who are helping us positively transform the lives of veterans with the work that they do:

RRCF Mission
Red River Charitable Foundation (RRCF) is a 501(c)(3), charitable organization with a dual mandate and mission. RRCF promotes and encourages students to continue their studies in the fields of science and technology as well as supporting US military veterans transitioning to civilian life.

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