Members: Vickie Mullins, Chairman George Lott, Vice-Chair George Turner Alfonso Ferguson Sr. Winton McHenry



Alternates: Robert E Davis Nathan Galbreath Stacy Michael Long Alberta Ortiz Gregory Parks

# CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

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> MINUTES August 17, 2017 7:00 PM

# Members Present

Alfonso Ferguson Sr. George Lott Winton McHenry George Turner Nathan Galbreath, Alternate Voting Robert E. Davis, Alternate Voting

# Absent Members

Vickie Mullins

# **Staff/Others Present**

Betty Lynd Hope Ward Page Robert Hasty, Jr. (Assistant County Attorney)

Chairman Lott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in Public Hearing Room #3 of the Historic Courthouse. Chairman Lott stated the procedural matters are to turn off all cell phones and other electronic devices and if asked to speak at the podium to please speak clearly into the microphone as the meeting is being recorded. Although there are no set time limits for any speaker addressing the board, the board asks speakers to not repeat what has been previously stated. If there is not new evidence to offer please make the board aware of your agreement with the previous speakers. If any board member wishes to speak or ask any questions please ask to be recognized by the Chairman before speaking.

1. INVOCATION

Mr. Lott.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited by all.

2. ROLL CALL

Mrs. Lynd called the roll and stated a quorum was present. For the audience Mrs. Lynd introduced, Mr. Robert Hasty, Assistant County Attorney, also alternate members of the board, Mr. Davis and Mr. Long.

3. SWEAR IN STAFF

Chair Lott swore in staff.

4. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

5. APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 15, 2017 MINUTES

Mr. Turner abstained from voting, as he was absent from the meeting. Mr. Ferguson made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 15, 2017 meeting, seconded by Mr. McHenry. The motion passed unanimously.

	IN FAVOR
LOTT	YES
FERGUSON	YES
MCHENRY	YES
<b>GALBREATH</b>	YES

6. ABSTENTIONS BY BOARD MEMBERS/BOARD MEMBER DISCLOSURES (SITE VISITS AND/OR PERSONAL AFFILIATIONS)

<u>CHAIR LOTT</u>: Abstention by board members, which is myself. I will be abstaining from the second case P17-04-C.

<u>MRS. LYND:</u> Yes Chair and at this time if I may have the sitting board members vote in a Chair for that case.

MR. TURNER: Repeat that please.

<u>MRS. LYND:</u> Mr. Lott will abstain from the case P17-04-C so the board will need to vote in a Chair to sit for that case.

CHAIR LOTT: A temporary Chair. (Addressing Mr. Lott)

MR. FERGUSON: Temporary Chair, do you want to sit over in that seat? Do you want to sit for that case?

(Addressing Mr. Lott)

CHAIR LOTT: I'll entertain a motion whatever you want to do.

MR. TURNER: Whatever you all want me to do.

MR. FERGUSON: I nominate Mr. Turner.

CHAIR LOTT: Mr. Turner has been nominated to.

MR. MCHENRY: Second.

CHAIR LOTT: All in favor.

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to appoint Mr. George Turner to sit as temporary Chairman for case P17-04-C, seconded by Mr. McHenry. The motion passed unanimously.

	IN FAVOR
LOTT	YES
FERGUSON	YES
MCHENRY	YES
TURNER	YES
GALBREATH	YES

<u>MRS. LYND:</u> At this time I would like to make the audience aware that the alternate, Mr. Davis, will step in and become a voting member for that case only.

CHAIR LOTT: Very well.

7. PUBLIC HEARING DEFERRALS/WITHDRAWALS

There were none.

8. POLICY STATEMENT REGARDING APPEAL PROCESS

Mrs. Lynd read the policy statement.

- 9. PUBLIC HEARING(S)
  - A. **P10-08-C:** MODIFICATION OF A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR A RECREATION VEHICLE PARK AND/OR CAMPGROUND IN AN A1 AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT ON 31.65 +/- ACRES TO ALLOW AN ADDITIONAL KITCHEN/STORAGE STRUCTURE, LOCATED AT 6250 WADE

# STEDMAN ROAD, SUBMITTED BY TAR HEEL RV RESORTS WADE LLC (OWNER) AND BRIAN T. GLOVER (AGENT).

Chair Lott read the case heading for Case No. P10-08-C.

<u>MR. GLOVER</u>: and I'm Bryan T. Glover. Representing Fayetteville RV. Sorry about being so nervous but...

<u>MRS. LYND:</u> Yes at this time if staff can go through their presentation and then we'll hear from the speaker.

Mrs. Lynd reviewed the zoning, sketch map, and land use of the area surrounding subject property. She briefly reviewed board packet material. Mrs. Lynd stated the property owner has agreed to all ordinance related conditions.

Mrs. Lynd asked the board to accept into the record Section 203 (See P10-08-C Exhibit 1) of the County's zoning ordinance which defines campgrounds and recreational vehicle parks as well as Section 921 (See P10-08-C Exhibit 1) of the County zoning ordinance which are the standards for which a recreational vehicle park and or campground must to meet.

Mrs. Lynd instructed the board where the definitions are located in the zoning ordinance for reference, on page 10 and the standards on pages 101-102.

CHAIR LOTT: You need affirmation of that?

MRS. LYND: Yes.

CHAIR LOTT: We agree?

MR. TURNER: So moved.

<u>MRS. LYND:</u> The findings this board must make are behind the special use tab in your binder. And if you would please make your motion subject to the ordinance related conditions that were included in the packet. I'm available if you have any questions; the applicant is also here and would like to speak.

<u>MR. GLOVER:</u> I've got a document from the owner I'd like to offer for the record, if I can. (See P10-08-C Exhibit 2)

CHAIR LOTT: Yes.

MR. TURNER: He needs to be sworn.

MR. GLOVER: It's for you all to review and if you have any questions.

CHAIR LOTT: We need to swear you in.

<u>MR. TURNER</u>: Let me just ask one question to clarify, you said there is public water on sewer on Wade-Stedman Road? (Addressing Mrs. Lynd)

CHAIR LOTT: Yes.

MRS. LYND: The utility map indicates it.

MR. TURNER: Okay.

<u>CHAIR LOTT:</u> Would you please raise your right hand and put your left hand on the Bible. Do you swear to tell the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

MR. GLOVER: I do.

CHAIR LOT: Thank you.

MRS. LYND: While they are reading, you could state your name and address for the record.

<u>MR. GLOVER</u>: For the record my name is Brian Glover. Address is 7658 New Sandy Hill Church Road, Sims, NC 27880.

<u>CHAIR LOTT:</u> Any questions? Your purpose for this of course is the use of the participants for the... MR. GLOVER: Yes it's for the registered...

CHAIR LOTT: RV Park.

MR. GLOVER: Yes, that's correct. It's for everybody that's registered at the park at their time of stay.

CHAIR LOTT: Any other questions by the board? Is there a presentation?

MR. TURNER: Did you have a presentation?

<u>MR. GLOVER</u>: No he just simply asking to add this facility to an already permitted RV Park. That was what those answers for the questions came directly from the owner, Phillip Moreau, and I was to present them to you all and if you all had any questions, I would, could answer them on his behalf.

CHAIR LOTT: How long's that park been there?

<u>MR. GLOVER</u>: He's had it for eight years. I've heard from Freddie, downstairs, built in the seventies, late seventies. I know since he's got it eight years ago, the past here, I mean they have really, he's really added to that facility and all the other ones that I've been to. And he simply, we are out doing this building in Johnston county right now, so he just simply just wants to add it in Fayetteville to enhance his park which all of them are triple ten rated and that's pretty hard to do. So, he's just looking to add value for his customers.

CHAIR LOTT: And he has met all the requirements? (Addressing Staff)

<u>MRS. LYND:</u> The park, as we understand, meets all the ordinance standards at this time. The addition meets all the ordinance standards and he has agreed to all the ordinance related conditions we would place upon the approval.

CHAIR LOTT: Okay Thank you.

MR. HASTY: May I ask one question on behalf of the board?

CHAIR LOTT: Sir?

<u>MR. HASTY:</u> May I ask a question on behalf of the board?

CHAIR LOTT: Sure.

<u>MR. HASTY</u>: The document you submitted are you familiar enough with this application request that you could testify that you could agree with these...?

<u>MR. GLOVER</u>: Yeah I've gone over this, ones she's, and I've gone over that with Mr. Moreau. I have.

<u>MR. HASTY:</u> Okay so you can personally.

<u>MR. GLOVER</u>: Yes. I can certify that that's him and I've been over it with him two or three times today and yesterday.

MR. HASTY: Okay. Thank you.

MR. FERGUSON: I have one question I have on here. I have one question I want to ask.

### MR. GLOVER: Sure.

<u>MR. FERGUSON</u>: Cause I was reading in here, so everything that I'm reading you're saying that, are we waiting for us to vote on it before these things are done, or have these things been already in place that we're doing for the new edition? It' says we'll comply with the economy, we'll comply with the... <u>MR. GLOVER</u>: If it's approved then we're going through the permitting process next is the next step working with them in the health department. He's had with them, as he stated, he's had with them pretty much an open door policy with the county. I mean pretty much everywhere he goes, I know Freddie's been out they've been out, I mean.

MR. FERGUSON: Okay.

<u>MR. TURNER</u>: It's a pretty highly rated facility out there. I don't camp myself but those folks that do seem too. I think this had done more to put Fayetteville on the map.

<u>MR. GLOVER:</u> He's got a lot of permanent residents out there now and what he's looking to do is add this structure and convert the one that's there now to a kids and learning center. Because of all the home-schooling and all that stuff now I know he's looking to do the same thing in Johnston County. It really is tremendous just ride though there on the weekend and see it it's cool, it's impressive he does not skimp on anything. I mean you go to anyone of his parks; Betty's actually got a list (See Exhibit 3) that I sent her of all the parks he's got across the country. He's got nine and he's building number ten right now in Arizona, so. There they are. And they're all triple ten rated.

<u>CHAIR LOTT:</u> What's the wishes of the board?

MR. MCHENRY: May I ask a question?

MR. TURNER: He'd like to ask a question. (Addressing Chair Lott)

CHAIR LOTT: Yes sir. (Addressing Mr. McHenry)

MR. MCHENRY: Is this park for people to come by and just sign in or do they...?

<u>MR. GLOVER</u>: Actually it's becoming a destination spot believe it or not. I mean not only is it the half-way point up and down the East coast but I mean he gets people that come and spend like entire weekends there. That don't want to drive from Raleigh to the beach or so forth. They go to either here or the one in Four Oaks that he's got.

MR. MCHENRY: What sort of a draw does he have there, is it a swimming pool and all that?

<u>MR. GLOVER</u>: They, from what I understand from being around them since I've been around since 2012, they have rally groups that go around from park to park and if they like the park it's clean. Then they'll come back like reunions, it's like a half-way point for everybody and with his parks built the way that they are I mean he's getting the business.

MR. TURNER: It's very well known in that clique.

CHAIR LOTT: Yeah.

MR. TURNER: Yeah.

MR. MCHENRY: And by the way, is this K.O.A. type facility?

MR. GLOVER: I would put it above a K.O.A. I mean, I've seen and been on both.

MR. TURNER: I think that...

MR. GLOVER: He normally buys them from K.O.A. and then he puts his mark on them.

<u>MR. GALBREATH:</u> If I may sir, (Addressing Mr. McHenry) if you look at attachment A (See Exhibit 4) it list everything he's got on the property, with the miniature golf, pool, things of that nature if you want to see everything that's there. May I ask a question?

CHAIR LOTT: Sure.

MR. GLOVER: Sure.

<u>MR. GALBREATH</u>: You mentioned that there are permanent residents. I was just looking here at the relevant conditions; it says the same RV cannot remain on the same site for a continuous period of time exceeding ninety days.

MR. GLOVER: We have, I meant to say, long term residents.

MR. GALBREATH: Okay.

<u>MR. GLOVER</u>: We, get contractors that come in, he's got cabins out there now. You get these big commercial projects to go on, a lot of this business goes to these cabins and stuff like that there, I mean that's more of what I was referring to...

MR. GALBREATH: Okay

MR. GLOVER: ... instead of permanent residents.

MR. GALBREATH: Sure.

MR. GLOVER: Okay.

MR. GALBREATH: Appreciate it.

<u>MR. GLOVER</u>: Cause a lot of times they'll go from, they'll migrate. They'll stay here in the summer time and then they'll move to a different park. I mean all these people travel from park to park.

MR. GALBREATH: Sure.

<u>MR. GLOVER</u>: From what I've picked up on just from talking with people when I'm working on his sites for him.

MR. GALBREATH: Thank you.

MR. GLOVER: Yes sir.

<u>CHAIR LOTT</u>: The finding of facts the use will not materially endanger the public health or safety if located according to the plan submitted and recommended and the case facts are?

MR. FERGUSON: It would be able to, or should we say, it would enhance the property and...

<u>CHAIR LOTT:</u> The welfare of the community.

MR. FERGUSON: Yes, I think that's what we can say.

CHAIR LOTT: And the use permits all required conditions and specifications.

MR. TURNER: Yes.

<u>CHAIR LOTT:</u> And the case facts are? That they have been approved by the local government agencies, everything's been done out there.

MR. GLOVER: Yeah I've turned it all in. We're going through this to go to the next step.

<u>CHAIR LOTT:</u> And the use will maintain or enhance the adjoining or abutting properties or that the use is a public necessity, case facts are?

MR. TURNER: Based on the plat they gave they'll have no effect on the neighbors.

MR. FERGUSON: Right. It's quite a bit of acreage there.

<u>CHAIR LOTT</u>: And the location and character of the use if developed according to plan that's submitted and recommended will be in harmony with the area for which it is to be located in a general conformity, with the Cumberland County most recent land use plan.

MR. GLOVER: That's correct.

CHAIR LOTT: And I think that also stands, as a fact.

MR. TURNER: Can I second that motion? Was that a motion?

MR. FERGUSON: I'll make a motion.

MR. TURNER: I'll second.

CHAIR LOTT: The motion has been made, all those in favor of approval? Aye?

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to approve the applicants request for modification of a special use permit for a recreation vehicle park and/or campground, seconded by Mr. Turner. The motion passed unanimously.

	IN FAVOR
LOTT	YES
FERGUSON	YES
MCHENRY	YES
TURNER	YES
GALBREATH	YES

CHAIR LOTT: Thank you.

MR. GLOVER: Thank you sir. Thank y'all.

MRS. LYND: Chair at this time if you'd like to dismiss parties related to that case and you may exit.

# Mr. Lott exits with the parties related to case P10-08-C. Mr. Turner moved into positon as Chair and Mr. Davis took position at the table with the board.

B. **P17-04-C:** CONSIDERATION OF A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW GROUP QUARTERS IN AN A1 AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT ON 8.00 +/ ACRES, LOCATED AT 9386 E REEVES BRIDGE ROAD; SUBMITTED BY JOHN M. & DEBORAH FOLEY (OWNERS).

Chair Turner read the case heading for Case No. P17-04-C.

Mrs. Lynd reviewed the zoning, sketch map, and land use of the area surrounding subject property. She briefly reviewed board packet material. Mrs. Lynd stated the property owner has agreed to all ordinances related conditions. Mrs. Lynd referenced tri-fold pamphlet (See P17-04-C Exhibit 1) inadvertently left out of the packet material for board and for audience.

Mrs. Lynd read definition of Group Quarters into the record:

**Group Quarters:** A building or group of buildings, which houses more than two persons in other than a traditional family setting. Housing may be in individual rooms or communal rooms with bathroom facilities and other common use areas. Housing may be free of charge or with a fee (monetary or service). This definition shall not include foster care homes, therapeutic foster care homes or other uses specifically listed in Section 403, Use Matrix, i.e., group homes and residential habilitation support facilities. It does include, but is not limited to, rooming/boarding houses, dormitories, children's homes, religious quarters,

membership lodgings, halfway houses, alcohol and drug abuse centers, homeless shelters and hospice facilities. (Section 910)

Mrs. Lynd asked the board to accept into the record Section 203 (See P17-04-C Exhibit 2) of the County's zoning ordinance which defines group quarters as well as Section 910 (See P17-04-C Exhibit 2) of the County zoning ordinance which is the standards for group quarters into the record.

Mrs. Lynd instructed the board where the definitions are located in the zoning ordinance for reference, on page 15 and 16 and the standards on pages 90 and 91.

Mrs. Lynd asked the board to accept the packet material and submit it into the record as well.

CHAIR TURNER: Any exceptions from the board?

MR. FERGUSON: No. We'll accept the application.

CHAIR TURNER: So moved. We'll accept.

<u>MRS. LYND:</u> The findings this board must make are behind the special use tab in your binder. And if you will make your motion subject to the ordinance related conditions included your packet. I am available for questions, however I know there are several speakers signed up to speak as well and the applicant is also here.

<u>CHAIR TURNER:</u> We do have seven speakers to speak in favor. I guess what I'll do is call you one by one. I'll swear each one of you in when you come up to speak. If for some reason you have nothing to add other than what everyone has already said we would ask again that you just say, I'm in support of everything that's said, in the interest of time. I think our first speaker is John Foley, is that right?

MR. FOLEY: Yes sir.

<u>CHAIR TURNER</u>: Mr. Foley, do you swear or affirm that the testimony you'll give this board will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth so help you God?

MR. FOLEY: I do.

CHAIR TURNER: And you're John Foley?

MR. FOLEY: Yes sir I am.

CHAIR TURNER: And what's your address John?

MR. FOLEY: My home address is 511 West Summer Chase Drive.

CHAIR TURNER: Okay.

MR. FOLEY: Fayetteville, NC 28311.

CHAIR TURNER: Okay.

<u>MR. FOLEY</u>: If it pleases the board I'd like to enter some information into the record. An executive summary for the Lone Survivor Foundation, which talks a little bit about the organizations financials.

CHAIR TURNER: Is it this? (Referencing P17-04-C Exhibit 1)

<u>MR. FOLEY</u>: It's a little more in depth than that. Talks a little more about their services and their financial <u>CHAIR TURNER</u>: Okay.

<u>MR. FOLEY</u>: and the solidness of their financials and then also a flyer that was handed out in the neighborhood that was not left in my property at the farm or in my mailbox.

CHAIR TURNER: Go ahead and tell us your story.

MR. FOLEY: Alright sir well to quote an unknown speaker, what we're trying to do here is along the lines of, "If not us, then who? If not here, then where?" As I said my name is John Foley, I'm a retired twentynine year Army veteran. I'm a veteran of seven combat deployments and what our goal is, with the special use permit, is to donate eight acres of our farm to Lone Survivor Foundation so that they can build a center, in which they can treat up to let's see forty times six; two hundred forty service members active duty and veterans combined and their family members per year, that's the maximum, at no cost to the veterans or their family members. They currently have another owned facility down at Crystal Beach Texas that was built with funds donated by the community. Of note, there's been two newspaper articles in the Fayetteville Observer, one in the Cityview magazine and that's probably started about six months ago. Just iterating awareness in the Favetteville community and the Fort Bragg community as most of you know we have kind of a large military population here, kind of a large veteran population here. The results of PTSD and suicide rates are staggering the latest numbers are twenty-two suicides per day for veterans and active duty service members. We have wonderful VA centers here we have great military treatment centers on Fort Bragg, but quite honestly the need, is greater than what those facilities can support and some of the wait times are rather lengthy. What Lone Survivor has already done over the past four years is grown the number of service members served at their Crystal Beach facility. You can see I believe it's on page three or four that the greatest numbers are coming from Texas, North Carolina, Virginia and Florida. So strategically their vision was to create a facility on the east coast, somewhere between Virginia and South Carolina. My wife and I have worked with the Lone Survivor Foundation and volunteered as facilitators at their retreats serving other service members who are victims of military sexual trauma and also living with post-traumatic stress during these five day retreats. Our goal is to donate this land and to assist the community in surrounding our veterans, our active duty service members providing a refuge for them, that can either be the all American city of Fayetteville and to provide those services at no cost. The Lone Survivor Foundation has the funds on hand to build the facility today and write a check for it. They choose to come into a community where a community embraces this. And thereby the community feeling that it is something that we all accomplished not something that Lone Survivor came in and set up and just left there. Pending your questions.

CHAIR TURNER: Just for clarity if I'm understanding, you own this eight acre tract?

MR. FOLEY: Yes sir.

CHAIR TURNER: That's the area for where the Horses that Heal are?

MR. FOLEY: Yes sir.

CHAIR TURNER: And so you say you're gonna donate it, are you going to deed it to them?

MR. FOLEY: It's already done all the paperwork is done pending the outcome of this hearing.

CHAIR TURNER: Okay.

MR. FOLEY: So, if...

<u>CHAIR TURNER</u>: So you won't be, you'll still own Horses that Heal, but you won't have any, daily business with the other one it'll be someone else's.

<u>MR. FOLEY</u>: Yes sir. It'll be staffed by Lone Survivor Foundation, it'll be there land. They will take care of building the facility, maintaining the facility, sustaining the facility. They've got a great track record so

far again. Their support across the nation, many of you are probably familiar with the story of Marcus Luttrell and the Lone Survivor. He is the gentleman that started this foundation they have corporate sponsors across the nation. I believe that their, I think the revenue for this year was 3.6 million and their expenses was 2.3 million. The average retreat cost for a lone survivor foundation Twenty-Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$28,700). It cost that service member zero. And just the cost of the operation is the participants will either fly into Raleigh or they will drive into another location in Fayetteville. They'll be picked up by a van they would be brought in on a Thursday afternoon approximately at 4PM they will stay there for the entire weekend and not leave until, Monday morning at 9PM where the van will take them back to the airport or back to their vehicles at another location. So the traffic impact on that road will be nil. It'll be one van coming and in and one van coming out. People will be stay there the entire time from start to finish its intensive therapy.

CHAIR TURNER: If the soldiers pay nothing, then where does the money come from?

<u>MR. FOLEY</u>: Comes from corporate sponsors, it comes from private donors and no Federal or state funds <u>CHAIR TURNER</u>: Okay. Anybody have any questions?

<u>MR. GALBREATH</u>: I do sir if you don't mind. I know it appears they work a little bit with horses is that the case at this location as well?

MR. FOLEY: Yes sir.

MR. GALBREATH: Are you able to show, do they do it right there on site on the eight acres?

<u>MR. FOLEY</u>: They will do it they will use the horse facility that existing there, the existing facility right there to do that (Referencing site plan)

<u>MR. GALBREATH</u>: Okay. Because they can leave while under supervision, you said they stay there the whole weekend.

MR. FOLEY: Right.

MR. GALBREATH: But they can leave if they.

<u>MR FOLEY</u>: Yeah that's a great question. They will be with staff with the horses and then returning to the building.

MR. GALBREATH: Okay.

MR. FOLEY: Thank you.

CHAIR TURNER: Even though you won't be the owner you will actually be providing the horses?

MR. FOLEY: Yes sir.

CHAIR TURNER: So there will be some co-mingling, so to speak?

MR. FOLEY: Yes sir.

CHAIR TURNER: Anyone else? Okay. Sir, if you'll stand down, we may call you back in just a minute.

MR. FOLEY: Yes sir.

CHAIR TURNER: Next speaker Tim Huening, is that right?

MR. HUENING: Yes sir.

CHAIR TURNER: Did I say that right, Huening?

MR. HUENING: Yes sir. My name is Tim...

CHAIR TURNER: Do you...?

MR. HUENING: Sir sorry about that.

<u>CHAIR TURNER</u>: Do you swear or affirm that the testimony you'll give this board will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth so help you God?

MR. HUENING: I do.

CHAIR TURNER: And you're Tim Huening? What's your address Tim?

MR. HUENING: It's 339 Shaw Croft Rd.

CHAIR TURNER: Shaw Croft Rd.

MR. HUENING: Fayetteville, NC.

CHAIR TURNER: Okay.

<u>MR. HUENING</u>: 28311. I'm Tim Huening. I'm an active duty service member with over twenty-eight years of service eighteen years of which have been here with the Fort Bragg Fayetteville area and I'm speaking in favor of the action. I'd like to speak and elaborate a little bit more about the need and what John mentioned, not only here but in the Fort Bragg area. As a leader with the service members here Fort Bragg, I personally have witnessed the growing need with over fifteen years of combat that the trail of soldiers that need services like this continues to grow. It's being serviced to an extent here in the local area but the service members continue to need those resources and this facility would provide a unique amount of service that not only touch the service member but their families. I've been involved with the organization that will run it, having seen their work in action and the soldiers that I have worked with and been under my charge that have been through their services. I feel that, I feel confident that if this is approved then this facility does operate in the area it will be a point of pride for the Fayetteville area. And for the installation itself and probably be a model for other people and installations to look at. Subject to your questions, that's the advocacy I'd like to give on that, speaking in favor of this.

<u>CHAIR TURNER</u>: Okay. Anybody have any questions. Was there anything you wanted to add that hasn't been said?

MR. HUENING: No sir.

<u>CHAIR TURNER</u>: Okay, thank you. I can pronounce Kim I can't pronounce the last one. J-E-N-C-I-L is that it looks like. What was the last name?

MS. JOYCE: Joyce. Kim Joyce.

<u>CHAIR TURNER</u>: Oh Joyce. Okay sorry. Do you swear or affirm the testimony you'll give this board will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth so help you God?

MS. JOYCE: Yes sir I do.

CHAIR TURNER: Kim Joyce and you live where?

MS. JOYCE: I live at 3010 Alden Street in Fayetteville, NC 28304

CHAIR TURNER: Okay thank you.

<u>MS. JOYCE</u>: And I'm here to also speak in favor of this. I have worked in the Cumberland County court system for over twenty-six years. I don't know if any of you are aware that we do have a veteran's court that goes on, Judge Olivera who presides over that. This would be a great opportunity for the court system to refer veterans, who are coming in to courts with alcohol, addiction problems to refer them to this facility. I've known John and Deb for quite some time. Was asked to go out the property when they first

bought it, we walked around there with some of our church members we've prayed over that and we asked for God's blessing on that property and I feel like that all this is coming to fruition with the Long Survivor Foundation looking for an area to build a facility. Quite frankly I can't understand why anybody would want to reject that. Everything that John has said, you know their counselors their horses all that therapy read all that in your hand-out, it's just a good thing. And I think the community; a lot of the community has already been standing behind that. Let's hope that we can pull it off together. That's all I had to say.

CHAIR TURNER: Any questions? Is there anything you'd like to add that hasn't been said?

MS. JOYCE: No sir.

CHAIR TURNER: Okay thank you.

MS. JOYCE: Thank you.

<u>CHAIR TURNER</u>: Next speaker John Welsh. Sir, Do you swear or affirm the testimony you'll give this board will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth so help you God?

MR. WELSH: Yes sir I do.

CHAIR TURNER: And you're John Welsh and what is your address John?

MR. WELSH: 7127 Hunters Point Drive, Fayetteville NC.

CHAIR TURNER: Okay go ahead

<u>MR. WELSH:</u> Well sir I've been involved, I'm a member of the Board of Directors at Horses that Heal. It's probably just as important my wife has been volunteering and working at the Horses that Heal and exercising the horses for the past six years so we go there quite often, beautiful location. In working with the Lone Survivor Foundation, there's a lot of advantages to Fayetteville, but the number one criteria that they have is community support and we've had that support and the veterans that come here for treatment they can sense the community support and that was very important to them. I'd still like to read printed newspapers I brought the *Army Times* (See P17-04-C Exhibit 5) yesterday, I have it here it says, "PTSD disability claims tripled in the last decade from 345.000 cases in 2008 to more than 940,000 cases..." That's more service men getting disability and there could be a lot more that is a difficult and long drawn out process to get it. And just to quote from there, "When you're dealing with a human mind damaged by some really bad circumstances we have to do everything we can." And that's all I have to say.

MRS. LYND: Would the board like to accept it into the record?

MR. WELSH: Sure.

CHAIR TURNER: Yes. I'm assuming. Anybody have an objection to that?

MR. FERGUSON: No.

CHAIR TURNER: Go ahead sir. You want to add anything?

MR. WELSH: No sir.

CHAIR TURNER: Okay, any questions from the board? Okay. Thank your sir.

MR. WELSH: Thank you

CHAIR TURNER: Next speaker, Susan Lin...?

MRS. LINTHICUM: Good Evening.

<u>CHAIR TURNER</u>: Do you swear or affirm the testimony you'll give this board will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth so help you God?

MRS. LINTHICUM: Yes I do.

CHAIR TURNER: And Susan what was the last name?

MRS. LINTHICUM: Lin-thi-cum.

CHAIR TURNER: Okay and what's your address

MRS. LINTHICUM: 613 Broadworth Trail in Fayetteville

#### CHAIR TURNER: Okay.

<u>MRS. LINTHICUM</u>: Actually it saddens me that I have to be here tonight. John is a friend as are Deb and one thing that wasn't mentioned is that Deb Foley is a psychologist that's been working the military for years. So their heart is in this program and we're very proud to be their friends. What sadden me is that we as the City of Fayetteville talk about, this is freedoms home and that there's a patriotic spirit running through our community. We even promote that we we're the Nation's first military sanctioned community and we're proud of our military and the rich heritage that the military's provided us. We benefit by Fort Bragg being here, we benefit in so many ways by the money that is put into our economy by the military. 295 and all of us that live in North Ramsey area benefit by that new extension of 295 which was put in because of Fort Bragg and the military. And it just saddens me that we would not support a program that is going to honor the military and the people that have given their all to, for our freedom and for this community. And I think we should support that and I'm hopeful that as we educate what this program is and how it benefits our veterans and our current service members that there would be no one opposed to it. I understand individuals that would be concerned that but I truly hope that once we have an open dialogue about what this center is going to be and how valuable it will be to our military and that there would be no opposition to it. Thank you very much.

CHAIR TURNER: Anyone have any questions? Ma'am?

<u>GALBREATH</u>: Oh no not for you I'm sorry. I do have a question for full disclosure, I know her husband, Keith.

MRS. LINTHICUM: I'm sorry I don't know you.

<u>MR. GALBREATH</u>: Okay perfect. I want to make sure is that okay. I didn't know Mrs. Linthicum was here, but I know her husband, Keith.

<u>MRS. LINTHICUM</u>: Actually my husband is a twenty year veteran and a defense contractor for twenty-two years. So we have tight ties with the community of the military as well. So, I did not know this gentleman before I spoke.

<u>CHAIR TURNER</u>: The question I have would be, do is do you personally feel like you have a conflict of interest? (Addressing Mr. Galbreath)

MR. GALBREATH: Oh no sir.

CHAIR TURNER: You do not.

<u>MR. GALBREATH</u>: I just wanted to make sure that since her husband and I have a relationship that, that wouldn't be ...

CHAIR TURNER: Is that right Mr. Hasty?

MR. HASTY: Yes that's right.

#### CHAIR TURNER: Yes.

MR. GALBREATH: Okay.

<u>CHAIR TURNER:</u> Thank you ma'am.

MRS. LINTHICUM: Thank you. Nice to meet you (addressing Mr. Galbreath)

<u>CHAIR TURNER</u>: Matthew DeNoble. Sir do you swear or affirm the testimony you'll give our board, will be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

MR. DENOBLE: I do.

CHAIR TURNER: You're Matthew DeNoble. Where do you live Matthew?

MR. DENOBLE: I live at 9322 Creek Path Place.

CHAIR TURNER: Creek Path Place.

MR. DENOBLE: Town of Linden.

CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Go ahead.

MR. DENOBLE: Thank you sir thank you board members. I've come here tonight I also am a little perplexed at the position you're for or against, in favor of or against the proposal but I certainly would count myself as for the proposed development. I feel as though it is a worthy cause as other members have mentioned justification for. I do count myself as a friend of the Foleys'. I myself am a 17 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> veteran of active service. I continue to serve. I am a combat veteran of six deployments. I myself do not necessarily say that I have PTSD, I have encountered many experiences on my deployments that have stuck with me and have certainly had an impact on my life and my ability to interact with society around me and to navigate in the work place. I know many fellow service members who encounter difficulties. I know names, friends that they are now names on walls due to their actions in war and in combat in harm's way and I know more still who are no longer with us, who lost the battle with depression, with post-traumatic stress and who were in deep need of services, that my understanding are offered through the Foley's enterprise, Horses that Heal and through the Lone Survivor Foundation. It is my understanding that this venture is something that, that is beneficial to service members both here and in other locations throughout the nation. And I feel as though it truly can be something that our community can support, rally support for and have a sense of pride in hosting such a facility. Also I am a resident of Linden. My family and I reside in the neighborhood directly across the street from this facility and I do have concerns as a home owner as well. I naturally have concerns about any potential impact positive or negative and how what affect it will have on my property and my family's well-being. To date I am unaware of any concerns that would be negative that would be significant enough to persuade me to have any objection to the development. And the research that I have done to Lone Survivor Foundation is returns positive results and I've been given great confidence in that organizations ability to run their facilities well and soundly and not leave any risks to neighborhood and surrounding residents. And also on behalf of the Foley's themselves the property owners, I've benefited from their friendship. I have offered my assistance to them time to time throughout the six years that I've known them. I'm honored to count

them as friends. I would also like to say to each of you, that they have always conducted themselves and presented themselves with responsibility, respect and they present themselves as reasonable people. I have no reason to doubt that they will ensure that all activates on their property and the property directly behind their Horses that Heal, location will be conducted soundly and with no negative impact of the surrounding community. Thank you.

<u>CHAIR TURNER</u>: Any questions for him? No. Just could I clarify you, you're signed up here to speak in favor so we're assuming that you are in favor but in your statement you said that you did have some question as to how it would affect the neighborhood that you live in. What are those fears? What would you classify it as a fear?

<u>MR. DENOBLE</u>: Yes sir, I wouldn't classify it as a fear sir but I do have, I have shared concerns in a brief discussion prior to coming up here. I know that some of my neighbors and other friends in the local community in my neighborhood are here and have mentioned some of their concerns. Possibility of any raise in property tax or traffic, things that I feel have been sufficiently mitigated already in discussion but I again as a property owner in the area, as a resident there, raising my family I would naturally have some of those similar concerns. So those were concerns and I figured I'd have the opportunity to learn more about it here as well. But I again, I am in favor of this, I just didn't see prior to coming here this evening that it was split into sides for or against the development that is all I am in favor of this development.

<u>CHAIR TURNER</u>: So your concerns were basically that there may be some increase in property taxes and an increase in traffic in the neighborhood but they're not, are they necessarily any kind of concern over fear, no there's no fear, for who may be there nothing like that?

MR. DENOBLE: No sir.

CHAIR TURNER: Okay alright any questions?

<u>MR. FERGUSON:</u> Now when you brought that to my attention when you said about the property taxes. To me I always thought that property taxes went up, my value went up. To me I look at it that way; my value went up, my property taxes went up. (Referencing Chair Turner) He brought up a point, a good point at the end, the fear, that fear of someone being there that you're not comfortable with or something that's coming there. That never came cross my mind. I just thought and he brushed right quickly by it, so that means that we're okay with who's coming there?

MR. DENOBLE: Uh sir that's ...

CHAIR TURNER: Let me clarify.

MR. DENOBLE: Yes sir.

<u>CHAIR TURNER</u>: My question wasn't to bring that up as an issue but to see what his fear was in the fact that, was his fear relating to who may be here or how that was. I wasn't bringing up the fact that there was an issue.

MR. DENOBLE: If I may sir.

CHAIR TURNER: Yes sir.

<u>MR DENOBLE</u>: To answer, that my understanding of the way Lone Survivor Foundation conducts their operations and the way that the Foley's have conducted their operations at their facility, there is nothing that arises in me as a fear as a significant concern. That the nature of activities that take place at a retreat for the benefit and therapeutic affect for the people that need it, that there would be anything that could come out of those events that would pose a threat or something that should concern the local residents. It is my understanding that those would be conducted under watchful eye and any difficulty and challenges that people encounter that would prompt them to attend an event like that would be mitigated in a positive therapeutic and beneficial manner to mitigate any risk possible manner, so that I do have no fear sir, and I appreciate that.

<u>CHAIR TURNER</u>: Any further questions from the board? No. Did you want to add anything that hadn't been said?

MR. DENOBLE: No sir, thank you.

<u>CHAIR TURNER</u>: Okay. Thank you. Betsy Small. Do you swear or affirm the testimony you'll give our board, will be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

MS. SMALL: So help me God.

CHAIR TURNER: And you're Betsy Small, where do you live Ms. Small?

MS. SMALL: 4835 Main Street, Linden, NC.

CHAIR TURNER: Main Street.

<u>MS. SMALL:</u> 28356.

CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Go ahead.

<u>MS. SMALL</u>: Okay. I come tonight as both a citizen of Linden and a member of the Linden Board, the city, the Town of Linden.

CHAIR TURNER: You refer to the Linden Town Council?

<u>MS. SMALL</u>: Linden Town Council that's it yes. The Council had read about John's project the Lone Survivor project in several newspaper articles. So we were made aware of it and we were really excited about it. We asked John to come in to speak and he was more than happy to come in and speak to our board, because again he needs, you'll need to let us know what was going on at the facility. I think education is the best influence of overcoming any kind of fears that community might have. We are a community of multiple veterans, people who are still serving in the armed forces today and also our veterans. We have also been exposed to people who came back and are having problems. Both in looking out the window one day and there's somebody wandering down Main Street that looks like their lost. Finding people, since we are a rural community, finding people camping in the woods and we would go and get them the kind of help they needed to get them off the street and out of the camps in the woods. I also speak from; we said that they, that Linden was going to provide water to this facility. So John came to us and of course we have to say, we have to make sure we have ample water and we do have ample water. We've checked with Harnett County and there's no problem in serving them. The lines go directly to them so there will be no problems with

getting ample water for this facility and I think that when you don't have to put a well down. Then it gives you more room for your septic system, so that's a concern and they will have good clean ample drinking water for the facility. So I just wanted to say the people in the Town of Linden and the surrounding communities of Linden are excited about this project. We have many military people who, you know they almost jumped to their feet and shouted hooray, because they know that this is a need we've seen it in our community, we've seen it in the larger towns. So I will speak in favor of this, and do you have any questions?

<u>CHAIR TURNER</u>: Just to clarify, you're here as an individual who happens to be an elected member of the Linden Town Council or are you here representing the Town of Linden?

MS. SMALL: No.

CHAIR TURNER: Blessed by the council?

MS. SMALL: Right.

CHAIR TURNER: You're an individual.

<u>MS. SMALL</u>: Right. I just wanted to share with you our experiences with John and the fact that he was very concerned that the community would know what this facility was going to do and the good that it could bring the community. As he said we need community support for this and we have plenty of people that are going to volunteer and will help us do fundraisers for them.

CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Any questions? Did you want to add anything that hadn't been said?

MS. SMALL: No I'm just speaking in favor of this.

CHAIR TURNER: I understand.

MS. SMALL: Thank you.

<u>CHAIR TURNER</u>: Thank you ma'am. Okay that is the last of the speakers we have in favor. There are three opposed. The first is Tim Smith, attorney.

MR. SMITH: Good Evening.

<u>CHAIR TURNER</u>: Do you swear or affirm the testimony you'll give our board, will be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

MR. SMITH: I do.

CHAIR TURNER: And you're Tim Smith?

<u>MR. SMITH:</u> That's right.

CHAIR TURNER: Okay.

MR. SMITH: Mr. Chairman.

<u>CHAIR TURNER</u>: Are you here on behalf of someone else as an attorney or are you here as yourself?

MR. SMITH: I'm here on behalf of Mark Townsend, who is a, who lives in the area.

CHAIR TURNER: Okay.

MR. SMITH: They requested us.

<u>CHAIR TURNER:</u> Okay I got him down second.

#### MR. SMITH: Okay.

#### CHAIR TURNER: Okay, go ahead.

MR. SMITH: Thank you board, I'm an attorney in town with Yarborough, Winter and Neville. I've been retained in this matter by Mark and Linda Townsend. And we are also joined by some other home owners from the area here tonight. And I want to stress from the outset that we didn't, our opposition, we respectfully oppose this facility being established where it's being proposed. We oppose a special use permit being issued. And we do so knowing full well the needs of veterans. Two of the families who are here tonight in opposition are veteran families. And we want to everyone aware that this has nothing to do with our opposition to the essence of the Lone Survivor Foundation or the services that they provide. Rather what we are saying is that this location under the Cumberland County zoning ordinance is just not appropriate for this type of facility and that's what it is, it's a facility. I just want to start and sort of frame our discussion in pointing to what A1 agricultural district is defined as, that is the zoning of this area. This district is designed to promote and protect agricultural lands, including woodland, within the County. The general intent of the district is to permit all agricultural uses to exist free from most private urban development except for large lot, single family development. Some public and/or semi-public uses as well as a limited list of convenient commercial uses are permitted to ensure essential services for the residents. And that's the definition of A1 zoning as its currently zoned and I will use that to jump off. This is an area where, that is a residential area. The area is comprised, completely and entirely of single family homes. People have moved out there to enjoy larger lots, two to three acre lots. If you were to look at the map of the proposed site, it's surrounded by single family homes. Along Reeves Bridge Road there directly across the street and if you'll also note, these are single family homes. These lots are for single family residences and across the street is an entrance to a subdivision containing twenty other, single family homes. This is a residential area it's zoned A1. But as we've just gone over the zoning ordinance, provides that if it's not used for agricultural use it's to be used for development of single family development. It's not commercial development, not for facilities of any kind that's not provided by the zoning law. And so I just want to start by saying that I will note respectfully that the other, except for one, the speakers in support tonight, we enjoyed their comments however, they're not home owners from this area except for one of them. They all live in other parts, they are not going to have the same concerns as the home owners who would oppose this and we oppose this tonight. And so that being said I'd also state that the board tonight will need to make findings which state that, if a special use permit is allowed the, under number four, the location and character of the use if developed according to the plan as submitted and recommended will be in harmony with the area in which it is to be located and is in general conformity of Cumberland County land use plan, etcetera. So you know the (inaudible) of all this is not a harmonious use of this property. This is not an appropriate location for a mental health treatment facility. We welcome veterans in this community with open arms and we would welcome a facility like this in our community, not in this location. And

the reason there are numerous concerns of reasons why, and one of which is the facility there, they are suggesting that there will be forty some odd retreats per year. If you consider that, that means that there will be forty different transient guests. I don't mean transient in a negative connotation, people coming and going throughout the year in this single family residential area. Which the other community members won't know who they are admittedly they may have psychological problems, we aren't here to propose any real safety concerns beyond that could be an issue but is just not harmonious with current community. And with that the facility they have suggested in the case is going to resemble more of a commercial facility in that there's going to be the various houses. Presumably there's going to be a kitchen of some kind. There'll need to be service to that facility along this road directly within the area of these single family homes to provide whatever is needed to conduct operations there. So you can see why we'd be concerned about how that is not a harmonious use of that particular parcel this is not justifying a special use permit in this particular area. I will just say, I will close by saying that, if you look at also, under this special use permit section of the zoning ordnance the board of adjustment shall give due consideration to; and it lists a series of factors and you know if you look at number one the compatibility of the proposal, in terms of both use and appearance, with the surrounding neighborhood...we respectfully say this is not compatible with the single family homes in essence of thirty single family homes, in this area. They've moved out there for the purpose of living in the single family area. The comparative size, floor area and mass of the proposed structure in relationship to adjacent structures and buildings in the surrounding area and the neighborhood, and we're talking about; I may be mistaken, I believe it says a thirteen bedroom facility, a multiple bedroom facility. There'll be service deliveries we presume again we don't believe that, that is compatible with this area. The frequency and duration of various indoor and outdoor activities and special events the impact of these activities on the surrounding area, there's other concerns listed. I will note the impact of night lighting that may be not as big of a concern here but I think that the code, the Cumberland County zoning ordinance provides the board with factors they are required, respectfully, to consider especially in a situation like this. And there's a distinction to be made in what is being proposed and what is actually exists there. They are proposing a facility that treats mental health, site provides psychological services. It's a facility that's going to provide lodging for people; forty separate groups are going to come throughout the year, maybe. In essence I understand there is a non-profit element, but there is somewhat of a commercial enterprise. And we would have, I don't know whether it's necessary to question the owner on any sort of compensation he is receiving or anything like that. We believe and I understand that it's an altruistic endeavor but it is commercial in nature some ways. And the problem is that it changes the overall character of this area of Linden. And so, I say respectfully with veterans here opposing it as well, we hope that the Lone Survivor Foundation could find an appropriate place in Cumberland County. This place unfortunately it's just not appropriate. When you look around, there is an existing stable there operated by the petitioners and I understand they want to give that use to this foundation, but it's

going to change the character of the use at the stable. And I want to close by one last thing. I've heard many concerns about what happens in the future? If the Lone Survivor Foundation or whoever is managing the facility is unable to do so, or wants to convey it to some other entity, or commercial enterprise or some other charity the surrounding land owners have absolutely no control of what's going, or what this facility could be used for in the future. It could have a totally different use. There could, obviously it would need approval in some form but it's just no telling how the use of this facility could change over time. You know we're talking about something that could be used for commercial purposes other than providing this psychological treatment for veterans. And so we're concerned about that and I hope that the board weighs those considerations when they make their decision tonight. Again, we would like to see this foundation in Cumberland County but we felt compelled at this point to come before the board, there hasn't been much discussion, much outreach on behalf the petitioners to neighboring land owners. It wasn't as if they drummed up opposition they've come here because there has, I know from my client, he learned about this relatively recently and you know this is the proper form to address those concerns. So with that being said I'll take any questions if you have any, and there may be other speakers.

<u>CHAIR TURNER</u>: You addressed the A1 zoning ordinance for Cumberland County and it's in my opinion fairly broad when it comes out to that area it talks about agricultural and it also talks about commercials.

MR. SMITH: Yeah I would...

<u>CHAIR TURNER</u>: Is there a zoning ordinance that you saw in our zoning ordinances that would be more appropriate for this facility?

<u>MR. SMITH:</u> I believe perhaps commercial or some... I have to admit I'm not overly familiar with all the zoning ordinances.

CHAIR TURNER: You didn't go through the others to see about a rezoning maybe?

<u>MR. SMITH:</u> Yeah, I did, just before the board tonight. I will specify, not to be argumentative, but it allows commercial development to ensure essential services to the residents. This is not something that's serving the residents. They're not providing essential services to the residents so, of this zoned area so that's important.

<u>CHAIR TURNER</u>: I think generally the re-zonings or anything we do. People are notified in the area that are within five hundred feet, is that right?

MR. HASTY: Adjacent property owners?

MRS. LYND: The ...

CHAIR TURNER: Is it five hundred feet?

<u>MRS. LYND:</u> We, the staff follows the notification process as follows: the adjacent property owners are mailed notice letters, as well as a legal ad ran in the newspaper, as well a sign placed out on the property all of which must be done 10-25 days prior to the hearing.

<u>CHAIR TURNER</u>: I'm sure you followed what you should but, my question is really is that when you look at this, you kind of draw a circle around this five hundred feet, and that's what we're supposed to notify? And the reason I point that out is because what we have here this is over fifteen hundred feet off the road.

<u>MRS. LYND:</u> No sir, typically rezoning cases they do need a lot of buffer, but in the case of board of adjustment cases special use permits or variances we notify the adjacent property owners only by notice letter.

CHAIR TURNER: Okay.

MRS. LYND: Now again, a sign is placed at the site and a legal ad is ran in the newspaper.

<u>CHAIR TURNER</u>: Okay, so this would've come and no one in the residential neighborhoods that are across the street, which is going to be right at two thousand feet away, would not have received anything in the mail? They wouldn't have gotten...

<u>MRS. LYND:</u> Again the adjacent property owners would've been the one to receive the notice letters. CHAIR TURNER: Just adjacent.

MRS. LYND: Yes sir.

CHAIR TURNER: Are there any questions?

MR. FERGUSON: Mr. Chairman, I have one. When you mentioned transient.

<u>MRS. LYND:</u> If I may real quick before you ask a question. There's also a non-formal method of notification, which is word of mouth. So I mean if their community discusses it that's another way to notify surrounding property owners.

<u>CHAIR TURNER</u>: I was just thinking that there may be folks who expected they would receive something by mail and didn't think we did something, that we should've done something we didn't do. That was the whole purpose for all of that so.

MR. FERGUSON: Okay.

CHAIR TURNER: Yes sir.

<u>MR. FERGUSON</u>: Now we mentioned transients in the neighborhood, so you're saying that in that area there's no rental properties available? There's no rental properties there?

MR. SMITH: I used that term, and I did, actually I'm not sure, I don't know, we can address that...

<u>MR. FERGUSON</u>: Because when you say transient that's rental properties as well. So I'm just wondering Linden does not have any rental properties available in that area, where the sites going.

<u>MR. SMITH:</u> Thank you. Well I used that term because I've seen another zoning language referring to; it's come up a lot. And Airbnb cases, its people that are staying there for periods of time less than a typical lease. You know short periods of time, a week, so forth, typically associated with hotel periods of time, or camp, or something like that. So I didn't mean that in a negative way either. I think it is to be distinguished from lessors who live there permanently, they're considered permanent residents even though they are leasing. And so if you're transient you're coming and going they are less likely to know you.

<u>CHAIR TURNER</u> I'm pretty comfortable that there are some rental properties out there they would generally be under a year's lease at least.

<u>MR. FERGUSON</u> At the transient if they are military, I could get orders to leave I can leave and get out of my lease.

<u>CHAIR TURNER</u> Yes just give us a copy of your orders.

<u>MR. FERGUSON</u>: And you use harmonious use; I'm kind of, kind of getting my head around that one. When you say harmonious use, how are we translating that? I know what it is, but how are you translating that for us to hear harmonious use, how are you using that for the property versus the neighborhood?

<u>MR. SMITH:</u> Well, we content it's not harmonious in that this facility is going to resemble a commercial enterprise and that there's going to be commercial services going and coming to it number one. It's going to be used again to provide lodging to people I hate to use the word transient again, but folks coming and going and that's not, this is a single family, the zoning al provides for single family development. That contrast for single family development in our opinion. So and also from the standpoint from the types of services or the use of the property its not used as residential purposes it's used to provide medical and psychological services which is not fitting with this particular area or under the zoning. So that's how I respond to that question.

MR. FERGUSON: Okay.

<u>CHAIR TURNER</u>: Any other questions? No. questions. Would you like to add anything that hasn't been said?

MR. SMITH: No. Thank you.

CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. We may call you back. Marc Townsend

MR. TOWNSEND: Thank you.

<u>CHAIR TURNER</u>: Sir, do you swear or affirm the testimony you'll give our board, will be the truth, the whole truth ...

MR. TOWNSEND: I do.

CHAIR TURNER: ... and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

MR. TOWNSEND: Yes I do.

CHAIR TURNER: Okay.

MR. TOWNSEND: Marc...

<u>CHAIR TURNER:</u> You're Marc Townsend and you live in the area I understand. What's our address?

<u>MR. TOWNSEND:</u> Yes I do. 9515 East Reeves Bridge Road, I don't have the clicker but it's about the third, fourth property down from the beginning of the small segments there.

CHAIR TURNER: Okay.

<u>MR. TOWNSEND</u>: We moved out there about four years ago. I heard the speakers speaking earlier with all do, respect there's only one of them that lives, what I would consider, within the affected

area. The other folks live far away. So when they make their comments regarding the impact on the area or what the facility may bring to the area, they quite frankly, are not going to have to interact with it on a regular basis as the rest of us will. One of the speakers said that it's a beautiful area and I agree with that. That's one of the reasons we moved out there. We moved out there because it was zoned A1. We could have a large property. We could have animals. And we could live the country life style if you will. We formerly lived in the area where many of the other speakers lived in and we decided to invest our time and money moving into this area. Never did we anticipate a facility such as this being constructed along the road. I have to move back a little bit and tell you that I come here with a little trepidation if you will; coming from a military family though I never served. My father and my brothers were Army; and my father Navy, which might not be the right thing to say in this town. Regardless of that, I have known Debra and John Foley and their children for more than twenty years. Their daughter was in my daughter's wedding. So for me to stand here and oppose what they want to do, it's quite a sacrifice and quite a tough thing to do. However, I feel I need to do that, because as I said, we said we moved out there to live an agricultural farm type setting. If we separate if I may, for a moment if we propose a hypothetical, if we take the umbrella of non-profit off of this and set it to the side, if someone were to propose coming out there and building such a facility with all these bedrooms, a meeting room, having services come and a service the area. I think we might call it something else. I think you would call it a commercial activity. We take the non-profit and place it over the top and now we call it something else. I can't see the logic in that.

<u>CHAIR TURNER:</u> Let me ask you this.

MR. TOWNSEND: Yes.

<u>CHAIR TURNER</u>: That's kind of the way the ordinance is we didn't write them either but that's kind of the way their designed. If someone came to us wanting a special use permit to build a hotel there.

MR. TOWNSEND: Right.

<u>CHAIR TURNER</u>: Then we'd be looking at it from a different stand point. Let's assume that this passes tonight.

MR. TOWNSEND: Yes sir.

<u>CHAIR TURNER</u>: What would you expect to see in your neighborhood six months from now? That has brought you here to be against it?

<u>MR. TOWNSEND</u>: Right. I would expect to see an increase in traffic in both individual traffic, service truck traffic; food trucks, garbage trucks, other things that would have to service that property. And as our attorney mentioned, I know we're not supposed to repeat but, what happens down the road should this enterprise fail? Should it decide to move and direct itself somewhere else, what occurs then? Can someone come in and say we got this facility it'll be perfect for some other type of use and now we've got to address that. Where right now as it's zoned it is an agricultural single family, if you will, residential neighborhood that would be my biggest concerned about the future.

<u>CHAIR TURNER</u>: Well this special use permit is strictly for what they are asking for. If that didn't work in a few years we'd have to, someone would have to come back for something different, they'd start would start all over again. If this were a farm would it be less offensive?

MR. TOWNSEND: A Farm? I'm sorry I'm a little bit...

CHAIR TURNER: It's zoned A1...

MR. TOWNSEND: Right.

<u>CHAIR TURNER</u>: ... for farming operations I'm thinking about all the trucks we're talking about and all the tractors running up and down the road none of that's offensive?

<u>MR. TOWNSEND</u>: No sir we have that traffic now and it's not a burden on the community it's something that's expected, it's something that is dealt with. We have farms scattered up and down the roadway there. It's something that you'll expect when you move into an agricultural area.

CHAIR TURNER: So actually the traffic from a farm, is more or less than what you'd expect to see?

<u>MR. TOWNSEND</u>: I would certainly think it's far less because you have planting season, harvesting season, and some time in between that when you might would see tractors, or you would see people working on that property. This type of facility I would imagine would be everyday kind of thing some type of service or another.

CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Any questions?

<u>MR. GALBREATH</u>: In regard to that are we able to hear from someone for the foundation that could speak to, is there one food delivery truck per retreat weekend, is there you know is someone knowledgeable that could speak to that?

CHAIR TURNER: I think so. Did you have a question for him...

MR. GALBREATH: No sir.

CHAIR TURNER: ... in relation to that?

MR. GALBREATH: No sir.

<u>CHAIR TURNER</u>: No, anybody else have a question? Did you have anything you'd like to say that hadn't been said?

MR. TOWNSEND: No I'd like to repeat myself three times.

CHAIR TURNER: Okay.

MR. TOWNSEND: Okay.

<u>CHAIR TURNER</u>: Thank you sir. Last speaker is Hugh Spears. Mr. Spears do you swear or affirm the testimony you'll give our board, will be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth ...

MR. SPEARS: I do.

<u>CHAIR TURNER:</u> ... so help you God? You're Hugh Spears.

MR. SPEARS: I'm Hugh Spears. I live at 9334 Creek Path Place, Linden, NC 28356.

CHAIR TURNER: Okay.

<u>MR. SPEARS</u>: And I live my property is directly adjacent from said rezoning request. And I've been at this property approximately twenty-two years. I moved out there so I could have nice quiet place

for my family. My grandchildren can play just like you all would want your children. It's nothing against wounded warriors, because I'm a veteran myself. I did five contracted deployments in Iraq as well Afghanistan, just recently got back a year and a half ago. And my heart goes out to the wounded warriors but I don't want it in my backyard. I want to come home and relax just like everybody. I don't want to see my property taxes go up. I don't want to have to worry about security. I know they need help and I don't know the mental of who's coming in and who's going out and I gone away from home a lot my job requires me to and I do not want to have to worry about my wife being there. You know, and she's a worry wart, when we first got wind of this, first thing she said, somebody's going to be breaking into my house but I know hopefully they got a good track record of security. But I'm not willing to take that chance with my family. My family means everything to me. I know not saying that it would, just the chance that it could happen. I do not know that type of and I'm logistics by trade and when it came up about the amount of traffic that it would take to sustain this endeavor. That's a quite a bit of logistics involved as far as materials in and out. As you stated food, its more than one truck, that's more than one van coming in there to put these people in there. And another thing it was addresses already what would happen should this not sustain over a period of time. I just want to live in peace. That's basically it. That's why I'm here tonight. I did not have a lot of details on this project. I don't know Mr. Foley, I'm sure he's a nice man, the people that spoke on behalf that's all well and good but they don't have to see that every day. I just want to stay in a neighborhood that when I brought that property twenty-two years ago it was my understanding that, that would be agricultural. The only thing I expected was to look out my back porch and see beans, corns or something. I didn't want nothing looking seeing people in and out be wondering what's going to happen. You know I don't like, I don't want to live on edge coming home. That's my basic concern. And that's all I have.

<u>CHAIR TURNER</u>: So you actually have a fear that whoever is there would be running amuck, if you say?

<u>MR. SPEARS</u>: It's always that chance. I can take care of myself no problem. But it's when I'm not home my family is there. My grandkids may be there playing in the yard. You know anything could happen and it's a nice thing what they're wanting to do for veterans but just not in my backyard. I don't want it in my backyard. I'll help anybody. Anybody that knows me know that I have a heart of gold.

### CHAIR TURNER: Okay.

<u>MR. SPEARS</u>: I'll help anybody but I don't have a crack head going to come stay at my house, that's just metaphorically speaking.

CHAIR TURNER: That's a common feeling.

MR. SPEARS: Right.

<u>CHAIR TURNER</u>: We call it the N.I.M.B.Y., not in my backyard, I understand. Were there any questions from board members?

MR. DAVIS: I have a question if I may you say you live there for twenty-some years?

MR. SPEARS: Twenty-two years.

MR. DAVIS: Twenty-two years and its right next door to the track that they're talking about?

<u>MR. SPEARS</u>: I'm right across street right directly across the street. When you turn into that neighborhood I'm the first house.

CHAIR TURNER: See that little green dot that's where he is.

<u>MR. DAVIS</u>: Oh okay so in other words if I'm hearing things correctly, they're some horses on the other side?

MR. SPEARS: Yes. Directly in front.

MR. DAVIS: And it's alright for people to come and ride the horses.

MR. SPEARS: Yes.

MR. DAVIS: So you have people coming in and out that you don't know...

MR. SPEARS: Right.

MR. DAVIS: ...riding those horses but they're coming to ride the horses you not afraid of those?

MR. SPEARS: They're not staying there over night.

MR. DAVIS: The horses not staying there over night?

MR. SPEARS: The people riding the horses not staying there over night.

MR. DAVIS: Okay that's what I'm asking but you don't see the horses.

MR. SPEARS: Yes I see the horses.

MR. DAVIS: I thought it was so many feet back from the road.

<u>MR. SPEARS</u>: No. the horses you can see the horses, if I'm standing in my driveway or looking out the window I can see the horses.

MR. DAVIS: You can see the horses.

MR. SPEARS: Yes.

MR. DAVIS: I just want to make sure.

CHAIR TURNER: Can you see the area that they're proposing this special use permit for?

MR. SPEARS: Yes.

CHAIR TURNER: You can look fifteen hundred feet?

MR. SPEARS: Because I had a buffer of pine trees directly behind, between me and the highway and

I recently had them cut down, well before this rezoning thing came up.

<u>CHAIR TURNER</u>: This is actually a special use permit we're not rezoning.

MR. SPEARS: Yeah, right.

<u>CHAIR TURNER</u>: So just for clarity but, any other questions. Is there anything you'd like to add that hasn't been said?

MR. SPEARS: No.

<u>CHAIR TURNER</u>: Okay thank you sir Mr. Attorney (addressing Mr. Hasty) is it appropriate, seeing as how I don't do this for a living can I ask Mr. Foley to come back up.

MR. HASTY: Yes, he was already sworn.

<u>CHAIR TURNER</u>: Mr. Foley, would you like to address any of what has been said in opposition to help them feel better?

MR. FOLEY: Yes sir absolutely.

CHAIR TURNER: Come forward and do that sir, you're already sworn in.

<u>MR. FOLEY</u>: Okay couple things. In response to the numbers of home across the street, I've heard the number twenty. I believe there's eleven homes in that neighborhood maybe twelve.

CHAIR TURNER: There's twenty lots though.

MR. FOLEY: Right.

CHAIR TURNER: There are twenty lots.

<u>MR. FOLEY</u>: The other question would be what is the mental state of everybody in that neighborhood right now? Does anybody know that?

CHAIR TURNER: Address the board sir.

<u>MR. FOLEY</u>: Does anybody? Okay, I'm sorry. I'm sorry. So another question I have is according to the permitting use of A1 could I put a group home back there of six people or less and not have to have the special use permit?

CHAIR TURNER: That would not be a question I could answer.

MR. FOLEY: Okay.

<u>MRS. LYND:</u> By law group homes are permitted in every zoning district that allows residential uses such as single family dwellings. The only stipulation that the county can incur is that they cannot be within half a mile of each other.

CHAIR TURNER: Does not require a special use permit?

<u>MRS. LYND:</u> No group homes would be, if you reference the use matrix, a group home would be a permitted use they would require site plan approval but not a special use permit.

<u>CHAIR TURNER</u>: So assuming that there's no group home close to him, he as the ability to do that without coming before us? Is that yes, that's the question?

<u>MS. SPEICHER:</u> If I could Chair, just for clarification. The state law specifies the one half mile separation limitation is the max. In Cumberland County, up to no more than six residents are allowed to be in a group home and a group home is allowed anywhere a residence is restricted by straight permit application.

CHAIR TURNER: Okay. That would be with only six people?

<u>MR. FOLEY</u>: Yes sir. Yes sir. And then also I believe that I could put a bed and breakfast back there on that land as well and not have to request a special use permit.

<u>CHAIR TURNER:</u> That's not anything for me.

MR. FOLEY: Okay. Sir.

CHAIR TURNER: Is that a question?

<u>MRS. LYND:</u> Yes if you reference the use matrix is the board would like to reference it, it's on page forty of the county zoning ordinance. For his specific question a bed and breakfast is a permitted use in the A1 district they would require a site plan approval for that case.

CHAIR TURNER: But not a special use permit?

MRS. LYND: Not a public hearing, no sir.

#### CHAIR TURNER: Okay.

MR. FOLEY: As far as the concern of the vehicle traffic I already covered that in detail of how that would be accomplished. Last year we had six hundred and fifty individuals that came out to the farm most of them came in individual vehicles. I'm there seven days a week pretty much, pretty much always out there. Couple of the neighbors have been over, there kids have been over on four wheelers and visited and visited the farm. I see Mr. Townsend on a pretty basis, up and down the road, and wave and cordial. I've never been stopped or asked hey what's going on down there or anything. I would've been very, very happy to entertain anybody's concerns as I'm right across the street all the time. As far as service vehicles the day of the retreat, the retreat facility will be continuously stocked with food and stuff will be there. There will be two chefs that will be on site and stay there. They will prepare the meals, the people will be able to stay there the entire time; they will enter and exit by van. As far as the screening of people that is a great question. The intake process for the Lone Survivor Foundation is a therapist either a known psychologist or a licensed mental health professional from Lone Survivor does a phone screen after the applicant applies for it. They get their med management background, they talk to their primary care physician and then they talk to their current treating therapist. To determine if this client has any kind of substance of abuse or any kind of abuse, if they have anything that shouldn't allow them to come to a retreat. If there is then they're put on a wait list until such time they could get those things addressed. During the time of the retreat there is one staff member who is a licensed clinician for each individual participant and/or if in a family situation there is one for each family is on staff to be available twenty-four seven. Because their clients are staying there it's very important that the therapist stay there as well in case somebody were to have an issue. As far as distance from the road I'm out there every day and I cannot see back into my woods and if you look at the site plan, can you back up please... (Addressing Mrs. Lynd)

MRS. LYND: Yes sir.

<u>MR. FOLEY</u>: ...to the site plan please if you'll notice that there's trees. There's trees beginning seventy-five forward of the property line that's actually where my back pasture ends. The eight acres begins seventy-five feet of dense trees back further and as you can see the twenty foot road will go back. It'll curve back in behind the trees; it'll be a natural buffer to the front, to the side and to the rear. So from the road it will not be visible, nobody will see anything once it's built.

CHAIR TURNER: Is you property fenced at all?

MR. FOLEY: Yes sir.

CHAIR TURNER: Fenced with what?

MR. FOLEY: Horse fencing the front of it.

CHAIR TURNER: Horse fencing.

MR. FOLEY: and it'll be a gate at the front. A proposed gate at the front for security.

CHAIR TURNER: Of the driveway?

MR. FOLEY: ... of the driveway. Correct.

CHAIR TURNER: Any questions? Yes (Addressing Mr. Ferguson)

MR. FERGUSON: I have a question.

CHAIR TURNER: Go ahead.

<u>MR. FERGUSON</u>: I wanted to call you back, my concern, when I see that you said that you can take in individuals, couples and families, right?

MR. FOLEY: Yes sir.

<u>MR. FERGUSON</u>: Okay so with the families there do you have a therapist treating the complete family?

MR. FOLEY: Yes sir.

<u>MR. FERGUSON</u>: So, if I come in I have PTSD and my wife and kids don't have anything so you're working with me and family so we can cope together, or how is this?

MR. FOLEY: Exactly sir. They have a phase approach. So the first phase is an individual retreat, where they will get the individual service member who again, can be a victim of military sexual trauma, they can have PTS, which I'm one of them and you can have or you can be a care taker. You can be the spouse who's taking care of a soldier or a veteran who has PTS that they are having a difficult time dealing with them. They tailor their individual retreats for the population that needs it. So if it's an individual retreat we would bring the five of you, six of you we would fly you in, bring you out there, we would in process you, do a safety briefing. And take you through some different therapies through the weekend. At the end of the time we will give you some homework to go home and work on a plan to go to work and we'll check back with you and your therapist if you do your work and start working on that trauma then or traumatic brain injury. Then what we do is six month over, when I say we, I'm sorry I mean Lone Survivor, what the Lone Survivor foundation does is six months to twelve months later they will invite you back with your significant other, your spouse. Because if you just come with your spouse and you haven't addressed your issues yet, the things that are making you difficult maybe to be around then bringing the spouse it's just going to be a bunch of he said, she said, kind of thing. So after they bring the couple back, they send them back and give them some more homework, they check in on them. Try to refer them to other areas in the community that have specific services that resonate with the service member. And then six to twelve months later they invite them back for a family retreat. In which case they focus on the children which, are the most left out because the focus is so much on the service member and the impact of the PTS on the individual that the kids often get left out. And they're kind of the voice less victims.

<u>MR. FERGUSON</u>: I think maybe the concern they might have, because when we had the young lady speak about the court system connecting with you. You know that means, when you hear court system, you're thinking criminals.

MR. FOLEY: Right.

<u>MR. FERGUSON</u>: Everybody can have mistakes doesn't make everybody a criminal because you have a court case.

MR. FOLEY: Right, right, right.

<u>MR. FERGUSON</u>: So I think that might be a fear factor the might have stepped in when she was saying the court system....

MR. FOLEY: Okay

<u>MR. FERGUSON:</u> ...stepping in with you. That's why I asked you what exactly are you doing? Because I'd want to know myself, if I have a family there or just two individuals there, what's actually going on at this facility, so we can know, get a better idea. I think it may open up a little more.

MR. FOLEY: Okay. Did that answer your question?

MR. FERGUSON: Oh yes.

MR. FOLEY: Okay.

<u>CHAIR TURNER</u>: I got the impression that the issue is more of someone who is there, who might have an issue and get upset, lose their temper and storm out the door. What do I do now, I go across the street, that's the impression I got. How do you see that? Do you have any security?

<u>MR. FOLEY</u>: There is no security. I could just point to the retreat center that's in Crystal Beach Texas. It is in a residential community on the beach. It is a quarter of a mile from the beach on the Texas coast. I have not heard of any issues where there's been anybody threatened, hurt or injured during any of these retreats. They've been doing them since 2014.

<u>CHAIR TURNER:</u> What would you do if somebody got upset and...?

MR. FOLEY: Call 9-1-1.

<u>CHAIR TURNER</u>: 9-1-1, and you're way out in the country now so. But there is not a system in place that would control someone if they did lose their temper? I mean, I'm asking I guess about security.

MR. FOLEY: Okay security.

<u>CHAIR TURNER</u>: That could elevate very quickly. Someone could get upset, it could elevate very quickly and you're calling 9-1-1, that may not be fast enough.

MR. FOLEY: Okay.

<u>CHAIR TURNER</u>: Is there security of any kind that would be there to control these people if they did lose their temper?

<u>MR. FOLEY</u>: There can be, if that's one of the conditions then that can be addressed by Lone Survivor.

CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Any other questions? No. Thank you sir.

MR. FOLEY: Thank you.

<u>CHAIR TURNER</u>: In response to that, Mr. Smith you were hired as the attorney to represent someone, would you like to address what he said?

MR. SMITH: Well I propose something else.

CHAIR TURNER: I'm sorry?

MR. SMITH: I would propose, in rebuttal to what he said, he mentioned that, for instance you can have a boarding house or a group home or something within the zoning, the A1 zoning, that's six people or less with psychological issues. You know, he's proposing a boarding of thirteen rooms I believe, or something along that a much larger enterprise is going to be going on here. And it's not a bed and breakfast, its people with psychological issues and that's just the way it is. And so I would suggest, we would certainly want there to be at least some condition, if the board were so inclined to rule in their favor tonight which we respectfully still oppose, that there needs to be some limitation on, I didn't hear really any assurance of security and he seemed to indicate there really weren't security measures yet, there could be. I think that, that should be a condition of any permit if it was entered, equestrian use only. We don't know whether these people are armed if they're coming, obviously they're certainly within their rights to do so, but if it's going to be a facility such as this, I think that then it be within the power of the board to place certain special permit or use restrictions on it. You know equestrian use only, psychological services only. It almost feels as if it's not quite ready and at this point there are some safety concerns that have been brought before the board tonight. As you heard from the person, I just met him, I forgot his name, but you know tonight, in opposition, someone in support of it, mentioned he actually took pause at this being put in front of the neighborhood so it doesn't feel well settled from our position. I would just restate that it's not an appropriate place for this type of facility. We fully support these facilities, we support the Lone Survivor Foundation, and I'm familiar with Marcus Luttrell, his story and but that's not to say that they should be put in any place in the community. And, so, the zoning laws were put in place for a purpose. Al says it's for the development of agricultural land or single family development and we believe that this is not appropriate for this area. Thank you.

CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. Any questions?

<u>MR. FERGUSON</u>: I live in A1 but I tell you my neighbor walks around with a gun and I see this all the time. So really are you saying that we should screen everybody that comes to the neighborhood or something? I mean give me a clue on this one.

<u>MR. SMITH:</u> No. I'm sorry what I meant was at a psychological treatment facility. So, obviously any one licensed can carry a gun. I mean we'd obviously support that but we don't know, what are their policies regarding that? I mean this is a special use; it's a medical use, a psychiatric care use for this area. And so there's all kinds of concerns that, for a special use permit just to be issued at this point.

We have some existing concerns, I didn't mean that to the effect of everyone being screened. Obviously that wasn't the reason, we don't believe that.

MR. FERGUSON: Okay.

<u>CHAIR TURNER</u>: Well here in the South, I think most of us have a conceal carry so, but I understand what you're saying. You would expect that this group screen those folks coming in and assume that no one's allowed in the facility that's armed, whereas your next door neighbor may be but...

<u>MR. SMITH</u>: And I've said that. I'm not just here to poke that's an example of a concern that we have in this case.

<u>CHAIR TURNER</u>: It's just one of the small issues that pops up that you wonder how that would work. As I look at this it keeps coming up that this is a worthwhile facility that need to be somewhere, but not in my backyard and I'm trying to figure out where would it go. If you didn't put this in an A1 facility, where would it actually go? Everything else would be a higher density, you actually need, and you almost need A1 to operate this. So I'm not, that's the question, if not here then where? That's my question and I don't think there's an answer for that out here, so anything, any questions?

MR. DAVIS: I have one for the first gentlemen that was brought up.

CHAIR TURNER: For him? (Addressing Mr. Davis)

MR. DAVIS: No.

CHAIR TURNER: Who?

MR. DAVIS: For the owner of the land.

CHAIR TURNER: You want him back?

MR. DAVIS: Yes.

CHAIR TURNER: Mr. Foley.

MR. FOLEY: Sir.

CHAIR TURNER: One more time, I'm sorry. Come on up.

<u>MR. FOLEY:</u> No problem sir.

<u>MR. DAVIS</u>: Let me get clear on one thing now. The program you said starts off by bringing in individuals.

MR. FOLEY: Yes sir.

MR. DAVIS: How many?

MR. FOLEY: Up to nine.

<u>MR. DAVIS:</u> Up to nine?

MR. FOLEY: Yes sir. Up to nine.

MR. DAVIS: Up to nine people

MR. FOLEY: Yes sir.

MR. DAVIS: And they will be flown or driven in to a meeting place somewhere?

MR. FOLEY: Correct.

MR. DAVIS: So nine people will be in on a Thursday you said, right?

MR. FOLEY: Thursday afternoon, via van.

MR. DAVIS: And then they will leave on?

MR. FOLEY: Monday morning.

MR. DAVIS: Monday. So they're brought in on Thursday...

MR. FOLEY: Yes sir.

MR. DAVIS: ... you got nine people.

MR. FOLEY: Yes sir.

<u>MR. DAVIS</u>: For Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday. So you can feed nine people, and it's going to take a whole lot of trucks and a whole lot of this for nine people for four days? Also, I can't get my mind around the excess traffic for nine people. We start with nine. Cause you got nine rooms right?

<u>CHAIR TURNER</u>: Could we clarify when you say nine that would be nine people plus a wife and maybe a couple of children?

MR. FOLEY: No sir. Nine individuals up to four families.

CHAIR TURNER: Okay.

MR. DAVIS: So it's nine people to start with and if you bring...

MR. FOLEY: Yes sir. Up to.

MR. DAVIS: And if you bring them back up to nine, you bring them back with a wife

MR. FOLEY: It's up to six couples.

MR. DAVIS: So it's twelve.

MR. FOLEY: Yes sir.

MR. DAVIS: And if you bring them back with the family, its how many families?

MR. FOLEY: Four.

MR. FERGUSON: Four.

MR. DAVIS: Four families, depending on how many children they got so it may be ...

MR. FOLEY: They try to have no more than sixteen participants.

MR. DAVIS: So it's no more than sixteen.

<u>MR. FOLEY</u>: Right, so what they would do is per family, that has, they might have two families that have four children and so there would only be two children at that retreat.

<u>MR. DAVIS</u>: Okay. Each time they are there, if you have nine members the first time, you'll have nine, you didn't call them counselors, you called them...?

MR. FOLEY: Therapist, licensed clinicians.

<u>MR. DAVIS</u>: Therapist. Nine therapists there for each person.

MR. FOLEY: Right.

MR. DAVIS: And if it's four couples there'd be four therapist.

MR. FOLEY: Correct.

MR. DAVIS: So someone would be with them the whole four days?

MR. FOLEY: Yes sir.

<u>MR. DAVIS</u>: And during those days they ride horses, and go out in the farm land and stuff like that? <u>MR. FOLEY</u>: Well, one of the modalities they use, that's a great question. One of the modalities they use is equinesistic psychological growth and learning. So it's using horses, which is another reason for A1 because the modality they use requires horses.

#### MR. DAVIS: Okay.

<u>MR. FOLEY</u>: Another one is called neural feedback. Where they do brain mapping and they're able to show the veteran the actual mapping of the brain and what's going on and what is actually, what has happened as a result of the trauma and that it's not necessarily all in their thoughts, it's something that goes on physically in their brain. Another thing they use is accelerated resolution therapy or A.R.T. It's an eye movement therapy which wallpapers over a traumatic event. So that when the participant or the client remembers it, it doesn't increase, doesn't trigger the traumatic responses of the body, of the nervous system.

#### MR. DAVIS: Okay.

<u>MR. FOLEY</u>: So it's still there but doesn't do the same thing. And there are psychological education groups working on relationship skills between husband and wife, communication skills, relationships that will help people find work, things of that nature.

<u>MR. DAVIS</u>: My last question you said that it's not an individual, in other words. I couldn't come up and say I want to go. Someone would have to a doctor would have to recommend the program for me?

<u>MR. FOLEY</u>: Yes sir. You could go to the Lone Survivor website it says register for a retreat. If you go to the LoneSurvivorFoundation.Org it says, attend a retreat. You click on that and then what you do is you fill out a short form, Lone Survivor in Houston gets notified of it. They have case managers and a clinical manager, they reach out via one of their mental health professional, via phone and they talk to the individual. Do you have any drug problems, do you have any medical problems, do you have any of these problems? Once that is verified with them, then they say great let us talk to your doctors. There are no weapons permitted on the premises. We fully respect the Second Amendment right but one of the things is this is a therapeutic retreat so it's not really a place for that. There's no drugs, there's no alcohol allowed on the premises as well. They're screened, they're told about that, its grounds for removal if it's found and then after that they're scheduled for a retreat. Their transportation arrangements are made with a flight to Raleigh and again they will be brought in via van. I've facilitated a couple of retreats down in Texas. There was two vans that were rented at the airport we were driven to the facility. They've standardize the way they do business.

MR. DAVIS: Thank you. That's all.

CHAIR TURNER: Okay anything else. Anybody else? No. Thank you sir.

MR. FOLEY: Thank you sir.

<u>CHAIR TURNER</u>: I'm close to closing this; we've talked about it long enough. But I want to ask if Mr. Smith, Mr. Townsend or Mr. Spears would like to respond. To what anything he just said. Anything you'd like to add?

MR. SMITH: Your honor we have nothing further to add.

<u>CHAIR TURNER</u>: Okay. Thank you very much. Alright with that I'm going to close the public hearing. Open it up to the board for discussion.

<u>MR. GALBREATH</u>: Mr. Chairman if I may, or Mrs. Lynd, I see here in the matrix that you referred us to one of the permitted use is assemblies a few of which consist of assembly hall, armory, stadium coliseum, community center and even fairgrounds, out of curiosity is there a maximum number of people that could come and go, especially if I'm looking at something like a fairgrounds, a community center or coliseum, as it's a permitted use, is there a maximum about of people that could come and go?

<u>MRS. LYND:</u> Correct me if I'm wrong, but a lot of people go through the fire marshal for capacity purposes and that would dictate a lot of things about the site. Parking that would be required and so on and so forth, but no unless there's a standard in the ordinance for certain use there's no maximum.

MR. GALBREATH: Okay.

<u>CHAIR TURNER</u>: It would be safe to say there will be fewer people there than there will at the Crown Coliseum.

MR. GALBREATH: Correct.

<u>CHAIR TURNER</u>: Right. I see what you're saying. Anything else? What's the feeling of the board? <u>MR. FERGUSON</u>: No sir.

MR. MCHENRY: I'm stuck at the fifteen hundred feet back.

CHAIR TURNER: You what, I didn't hear you, we can't quite hear you.

MR. MCHENRY: Fifteen hundred feet back, fifteen hundred and some odd feet, from the road...

CHAIR TURNER: Yes sir.

<u>MR. MCHENRY</u>: It's back and you have a long lane sort of it comes up there and gated, I don't really see why that is a problem there with people meandering around, unless they're walking up and down the lane. So I don't get that point.

<u>MR. GALBREATH</u>: Mr. Chair if I may relate it back to the facts, the consideration. So number one the use will not materially endanger the public health or safety, if located according to the plan submitted and proposed; do we have any facts that would state it would endanger public health or safety?

<u>CHAIR TURNER:</u> We have heard verbal testimony of personal opinions that it may, can I say that? <u>MR. HASTY:</u> What was testified to is sworn testimony, you would just have to give it weight. <u>CHAIR TURNER:</u> Yes. I think the question there is basically do we relate to whether its fact or opinion? We don't have fact that any of it would be we have sworn testimony of opinion, is that safe? <u>MR. HASTY:</u> That's correct you have to weigh that and find these facts in order to grant the permit

# CHAIR TURNER: Yes.

<u>MR. FERGUSON</u>: In my opinion using number one, if we decide, if the board decide to approve this, I think that we should add in the security factor in there. For the safety part we should add the security in there.

<u>CHAIR TURNER</u>: A simple statement, that the group be required to provide adequate security for control of the participants.

MR. FERGUSON: Right.

<u>MR. MCHENRY</u>: However, if each individual there has a psychologist or someone there, would that not serve as security?

MR. FERGUSON: Yes, but what I'm thinking on security, that's manning the area.

MR. GALBREATH: The perimeter.

MR. FERGUSON: Not just the therapist.

CHAIR TURNER: Of the compound.

<u>MR. FERGUSON</u>: Security that's manning the compound, not therapist itself, if we decided to go with that.

MR. MCHENRY: Keeping people out or keeping people in?

<u>MR. FERGUSON</u>: That's the point I'm thinking it's important to have that security to make sure that everything stays peaceful.

<u>CHAIR TURNER:</u> It would just be adequate security of the compound and that would be at the discretion of the operator and the facility. If you have one or two security people who patrol the compound that would serve that purpose, but that would be at the discretion of the operator I would think.

MR. MCHENRY: Okay. I can agree with that.

CHAIR TURNER: That just seems like. It almost seems like common sense.

MR. MCHENRY: Security would be responsible for the security of the site.

<u>CHAIR TURNER</u>: But security of the compound in the event something did happen, there's somebody on the outside to secure the compound and any individual they had to secure. Of course we don't want it to feel like a prison either.

<u>MR. FERGUSON</u>: Right. Just have somebody around to monitor around what's going on out there. I think we should have that around for the safety part.

CHAIR TURNER: Yep. What do you think?

MR. DAVIS: I don't have a question about the security.

CHAIR TURNER: What are your feelings? How do you feel here?

<u>MR. DAVIS</u>: I have been around a lot of military, and as you say I probably have PTSD myself just by association from being around people who have it. But I would feel secure in this situation if it was built in that place and that far from the road, not that much traffic. I think it'll be a good thing. I can't see, it's always a chance of anyone getting hurt, anytime, night or day. Some body drove a car, ran right into them and killed people right over in Spain, so you can't protect against every possible event but you can try to protect as best you can. So I think with them having adequate therapist there, people there, I would safe if it was in my back yard. And I don't live too far from there. I would feel safe with it being there.

CHAIR TURNER: Have you looked at the required findings of fact?

MR. DAVIS: Yes.

CHAIR TURNER: Okay.

MR. DAVIS: I've went through them.

CHAIR TURNER: Okay we have them here, we'd entertain a motion at any time. In any direction

MR. FERGUSON: Okay. Well we have to go through these parts here

CHAIR TURNER: We'd have to make these findings of fact and publicly state them.

<u>MR. FERGUSON</u>: Alright, well I'll make the motion. I make the motion that the board approve the facility.

<u>CHAIR TURNER</u>: Based on the first finding of fact is the use will not materially endanger, public health or safety if located according to the plan submitted and recommended and we'd like to add that the group be responsible for security of the compound to protect the neighborhood in any event.

MR. FERGUSON: Yes.

<u>CHAIR TURNER</u>: Okay. Number two the use meet all required conditions and specifications. We heard the testimony, does it?

<u>MR. FERGUSON</u>: Yes, we don't have any facts we just heard an opinions of it but they have agreed to go along with all ordinances and facts for what the county and board requires.

<u>CHAIR TURNER</u>: Okay that the use will maintain or enhance the value of the adjoining or abutting properties or that the use is a public necessity. In our area I would almost consider this a public necessity. I'm sure that may not be a fair statement. I mean considering Fort Bragg is here, this is a, to me this is something that we need. And I don't know where else it would be that would be better than this. That was just my feeling.

MR. MCHENRY: I support that feeling.

CHAIR TURNER: I'm sorry?

MR. MCHENRY: I said I support that feeling.

MR. FERGUSON: Okay, we're...

MR. HASTY: I mean we just need to articulate, how it's a public necessity.

MR. FERGUSON: Right.

<u>CHAIR TURNER</u>: That we have so many soldiers with this issue here, no course, minimal course of action for them to get help other than for what these folks may provide. Is that adequate Mr. Attorney?

MR. HASTY: I mean that's up to you I can't tell you. You have to make the findings.

<u>MR. GALBREATH</u>: I think just by default in having the largest installation in the country by population it would lead us to assume that in terms of public necessity that solider and or service member and or vet. Post-traumatic stress, sexual trauma, all the things that've been said previously would be inherent in our current population. Correct?

MR. FERGUSON: Yes

#### CHAIR TURNER: Yes.

<u>MR. GALBREATH</u>: And in not hearing from a professional, in as it pertains to property values whether they would decline, maintain or enhance, given the fact that the existing property already has fencing structure, they're going to enhance it with a fence and the buildings themselves won't be noticeable. It's hard to assume it would do nothing but maintain or increase.

<u>CHAIR TURNER</u>: We might consider asking too, or requiring too, that they not install a sign from a public stand point if they're sixteen hundred feet off the road, possibly not having a sign I don't think they need a sign.

MR. GALBREATH: Keep it discreet.

<u>CHAIR TURNER</u>: Yes. That would keep it from being a sore thumb in the neighborhood, if anybody thought it was. Just a thought, would you think so or not? (Addressing Mr. Galbreath)

MR. GALBREATH: Yes sir.

CHAIR TURNER: Would you want to add that?

MR. GALBREATH: I would. Yes sir.

CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Number four.

MR. FERGUSON: Okay the location and character...

<u>MRS. LYND:</u> If you may real quick because you're adding these conditions on the owner must agree with those while he's here in order to add those on to the approval.

CHAIR TURNER: Okay.

MRS. LYND: You may want to ask him.

CHAIR TURNER: Do you have any objections to those two things sir?

MR. FOLEY: No sir. Just obviously a mailbox would be referencing the address and a name on it.

CHAIR TURNER: We didn't talk about a mailbox, we're talking about a big sign.

MR. FOLEY: Oh no problem. Yes sir.

CHAIR TURNER: No problem?

MR. FOLEY: And not a problem.

CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Let the record show that the owner is in acceptance of what we said.

MR. GALBREATH: As well as the security?

CHAIR TURNER: As well as security?

MR. FOLEY: Yes sir.

CHAIR TURNER: Yes sir. He's in acceptance of both of those.

<u>MR. FOLEY:</u> I am.

#### CHAIR TURNER: The location...go ahead (Addressing Mr. Ferguson)

<u>MR. FERGUSON</u>: The location and character of the use is developed according to the plan as submitted and recommended will be in harmony with the area in which it will be located and is in general conformity with Cumberland County's most recent land us plan.

<u>CHAIR TURNER</u>: I think based on what we've heard here tonight, I can't think of a place it could go that would be better than this. Or what zoning it could be put in that it could be more compatible with what's going on. A1 seems, I'm fairly familiar with it that would be my opinion.

<u>MR. FERGUSON</u>: No big on signs it would still conform with the neighborhood still. Just like regular use of the property.

CHAIR TURNER: Okay. That motion is on the floor is there a second.

MR. DAVIS: I second the motion.

MR. MCHENRY: I Second.

CHAIR TURNER: Okay well motion is made and properly seconded. All in favor signify by saying

Aye. All opposed? Let the record show it passes unanimously. Okay.

Mr. Ferguson made a motion to approve the request of a special use permit with the board added conditions to allow group quarters, seconded by Mr. Davis. The motion passed unanimously.

	IN FAVO
TURNER	YES
FERGUSON	YES
MCHENRY	YES
DAVIS	YES
GALBREATH	YES

<u>CHAIR LOTT</u>: Mr. Chair, you can dismiss parties related to that case if they would like to leave and at this time we'll bring back acting Chair Mr. Lott.

MR. GALBREATH: Motion to adjourn?

<u>MRS. LYND:</u> We have some more information. At this time we're taking Mr. Davis off the board he is no longer a voting member and Mr. Lott will resume his position as Chair.

#### 10. DISCUSSION/UPDATE(S)

<u>CHAIR LOTT:</u> Item ten is discussion or updates. Is there anything to discuss? Anything we need to hear from the attorney? Anything?

<u>MRS. LYND:</u> I'll step in first, sorry. The only update from staff would be that we do plan to have a meeting for September. We do have a case in.

MR. TURNER: We do or don't?

MRS. LYND: Yes sir. Do.

<u>CHAIR LOTT:</u> Good we need to practice.

MRS. LYND: And then I will defer to Mr. Hasty if he has any updates?

MR. HASTY: I don't have anything.

CHAIR LOTT: Nothing at all? No.

MR. FERGUSON: I have a question, are we ended?

MRS. LYND: If you'd like you need to make a motion to adjourn.

MR. TURNER: I'll make a motion that we adjourn the meeting.

MR. GALBREATH: Second.

CHAIR LOTT: All in favor? Meeting closed.

Mr. Turner made motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Galbreath. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm. IN FAVOR

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LOTT	YES
TURNER	YES
FERGUSON	YES
MCHENRY	YES
GALBREATH	YES

# CASE P10-08-C EXHIBIT ATTACHMENTS



## Section 203.

**Campground/RV Parks:** Land upon which shelters (such as tents, travel trailers and recreational vehicles) are erected or located for occupation by transients and/or vacationers. They may include such permanent structures and facilities as are normally associated with the operation of a campground. (Section 921)

#### SECTION 921. RECREATION VEHICLE PARK AND/OR CAMPGROUND.

A. Recreation vehicle parks/campgrounds shall be used only by travel trailers, pickup, coaches, motor homes, camping trailers, other vehicular accommodations and tents suitable for temporary habitation and used for travel, vacation and recreation purposes.

B. The area of the park/campground shall be at least three acres. Each recreation vehicle/camp site, excluding sites used solely for tents, shall be a minimum of 1,200 square feet in area with a maximum of 20 sites per acre. Each site shall contain a stabilized vehicular parking pad of packed gravel, paving or other suitable material.

C. All yard setback requirements shall be in accordance with the dimensional requirements of the zoning district in which the park or campground is located and no structure, recreational vehicle site or camping site shall be located within the required yard area.

D. Individual recreation vehicle spaces within a recreation vehicle park/campground shall not directly access a public road. Access to all recreation vehicle spaces and accessory structures within the park/campground shall be from internal streets with the entrance to the park directly accessing a public right-of-way. A driveway permit must be obtained from the North Carolina Department of Transportation for connection to the public street. (Amd. 01-19-10)

E. The recreation vehicle park/campground shall not allow for permanent occupancy on the same site by the same occupant for any continuous period of time exceeding 90 days.

F. Each park shall have at least one telephone available for public use. Management headquarters, manager's residence, recreational facilities, toilets, dumping stations, showers, coin-operated laundry facilities, stores and the uses and structures customarily incidental to operations of a recreation vehicle park/campground are permitted as accessory uses to the park, subject to the following restrictions:

1. Such establishments (excluding recreational facilities) and the parking areas primarily related to their operations shall not occupy more than 10% of the gross area of the park/campground.

2. The structures housing such facilities shall not be located closer than 100 feet to any public street and shall not be directly accessible from any public street but shall be accessible only from an internal drive within the park/campground.

3. Such structures containing toilets, bathhouses and other plumbing fixtures shall comply with the requirements of the North Carolina Building Code.



#### **Cumberland County Board of Adjustments**

Re: Fayetteville RV Resort & Cottages

August 17, 2017

CASE P10-08-C

# 1. The use will not materially endanger the public health or safety if located according to the plan submitted and recommended;

The Fayetteville RV Resort & Cottages has been a family oriented, safe and secure RV resort for the entire period of RV Management (RVMS) ownership (May 2010). There have been zero material public health or safety issues for this same period.

Our rating by Good Sam, that rates more than 8000 RV parks annually, is a "perfect 10 / 10 + / 10." There are only three such "perfect" parks in NC, two of which are RV Management Services properties (Raleigh Oaks and Fayetteville).

By definition, the 10 / 10 + / 10 rating categories are:

1) for overall amenities and quality of infrastructure such as roads, sites, and security;

2) restrooms and showers: cleanliness and appearance;

3) visual appearance: trash, debris, overall maintenance.

#### 2. The use meets all required conditions and specifications;

We have for the last eight years been working closely with the administrative personnel in Fayetteville and Cumberland County. We have an open door policy and developed a good working rapport with the inspectors and the local officials. We are confident that we have adhered to all requests and conditions.

# 3. The use will maintain or enhance the value of adjoining or abutting properties, or that the use is a public necessity; and

The proposed "rally and storage building" are simply replacing a somewhat smaller rally and storage building that has been in use at the property for the eight years of current ownership (and probably 20 years previous to current ownership). The existing rally and storage building will be decommissioned as a rally and storage building and converted to a "arts and crafts" room for the increased number of families that are now enjoying the RV Resort. The one bathroom in the existing building can be eliminated or left in place as we do not believe there is a problem with septic tank loading.

Given the fact that our RV Resort has evolved from a brief overnight, transient, stopover" RV "park" to a weekend destination RV Resort, we need a larger storage facility and an additional

#### **Cumberland County Board of Adjustments**

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place for arts and crafts as well as places for small social activities such as bingo and indoor gatherings with DJs.

4. The location and character of the use, if developed according to the plan as submitted and recommended, will be in harmony with the area in which it is to be located and is in general conformity with the Cumberland County's most recent Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

We are existing RV Resort and will remain an RV Resort with a proposed new, enhanced building used for "rally groups" and social functions for our registered guests that replaces an existing building used for the same purposes. We are not a public facility and we are not increasing or decreasing our use. The proposed new building is in harmony with the area and is in accord with the continued enjoyment of our RV Resort as an RV Resort.

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**Fayetteville RV Resort & Cottages** (the "Property") has become a well recognized, high quality RV Resort since a major renovation that started in 2010 when the current owner assumed control. In fact, the authoritative, 800 page "Good Sam RV Travel Guide & Directory" has rated the Property "10 / 10+ / 10" and is one of approximately 135 such "perfect" RV Resorts out of the 6500 RV resorts rated by Good Sam.

The Property has a modest marquee sign at the entrance to the Property on Wade Stedman Road. Currently the property has only 164 RV sites, all of which are FHU (full hook up with water, sewer and electric). Each site is well landscaped with a burm consisting of a mix of small trees, shrubs and flowers. With ample parking at the large sites, many of which also have huge trees adjacent to the site in addition to the burms, additional parking is scattered throughout the Property, provided another 50 or so spaces. The Property has approximately 6 to 11 employees, depending on the season and generally operates seven days a week from 9am to 5pm with slightly longer hours in the summer months.

Amenities at the Property include an office check-in building that includes a small retail display area, a small launderette and small bathhouse facilities; a new swimming pool that currently is being built at the front of this check-in building; a second smaller pool towards the back of the Property that is five years old; a fitness room; another bathhouse with six private bathroom suites and a small laundertette; and a small clubhouse; a state of the art miniature golf course; a children's playground; a basketball court painted "Tar Heel blue"; and two small dog parks.

The ambiance of the Property is evident from when an RVers first drive into the Property on the paved driveway to when the RVer encounters the care and respect provided by our value driven staff.

The new lounge building we are hoping to now construct will provide much needed storage space for activity equipment and for additional mechanical equipment that needs a controlled environment, such as WiFi and Cable TV equipment. The new building will also have a computer lounge area with a "hotspot", a TV for public use, and a small warming kitchen for the occasional "pot-luck" dinner that our guests prepare in their RVs.

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# CASE P17-04-C EXHIBIT ATTACHMENTS

#### THE NEED

America has engaged in conflicts requiring service from every pranch, every type of military specialty, and every experience level to go to combat, and has affected service members across every generation. The reality is, many of these service members and reterans are not fully ready for what they encounter in war.

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This is why the Lone Survivor Foundation exists; to offer assistance to our nation's heroes that may not otherwise be accessible to them, and **to never quit on those who never quit on us.** 

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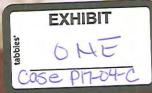
The Lone Survivor Foundation was founded in 2010 by US Navy SEAL (Ret.) Marcus Luttrell.

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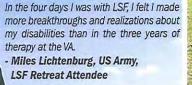
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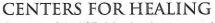
LSF achieves our mission and vision through our leading edge, therapeutic and educational retreat program.

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One part of the LSF vision has been to establish retreat facilities that provide a center for healing allowing the LSF team to facilitate retreats tailored to the unique needs of each participant.

The LSF team is actively seeking land and facility donations on the east coast and in the north central US for the development of additional retreat properties.

#### FUNDING

The LSF team is focused on executing the best programs, while creating an environment of efficiency and accountability. LSI takes great pride in the care and administration of our dono funds. Historically, the Lone Survivor Foundation has consistently maintained a percentage of over 70% to program and awareness

Funding for LSF comes from a number of private sources including donors and third party events.

To view our most recent financials, visit www.lonesurvivorfoundation.org/financials





#### LSF RETREATS

LSF retreats are conducted throughout the year and are focused on wellness and therapeutic support for individual service members. veterans, couples, families, and caregivers. The goal is to take individuals and families out of their normal environment, open the mind and emotions, and provide tools and strategies for moving forward successfully.

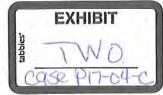
Retreats are conducted over five days, (1st day fly in, 5th day fly-out). Our focus for support is towards combat stress (PTSD), Military Sexual Trauma (MST), mild Traumatic Brain Injury (mTBI), and chronic pain issues. The retreats provide support for invisible injuries through Psycho educational groups, EAGALA Equine Assisted Learning (EAL), as well as offering brief trauma resolution exercises to reduce symptoms of traumatic stress.

Psycho educational group work provides an increased understanding and insight into invisible injuries. Counselors and staff help explore best practice treatments and options available to service members and their families.

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For information and to apply to attend a retreat, visit lonesurvivorfoundation.org/healing-retreats





#### SECTFORM 203

**Group Quarters:** A building or group of buildings, which houses more than two persons in other than a traditional family setting. Housing may be in individual rooms or communal rooms with bathroom facilities and other common use areas. Housing may be free of charge or with a fee (monetary or service). This definition shall not include foster care homes, therapeutic foster care homes or other uses specifically listed in Section 403, Use Matrix, i.e., group homes and residential habilitation support facilities. It does include, but is not limited to, rooming/boarding houses, dormitories, children's homes, religious quarters, membership lodgings, halfway houses, alcohol and drug abuse centers, homeless shelters and hospice facilities. (Section 910)

#### SECTION 910. GROUP QUARTERS.

A. Each room must have access to a hall or exterior door.

B. One non-illuminated sign shall be permitted, which shall have maximum dimensions of two feet high by three feet wide, and not be more than 3 ½ feet tall at its highest point above ground level.

C. There shall be no less than one bathroom, consisting of a bath or shower, and lavatory, for each two guestrooms.

D. Guestrooms shall not be equipped with cooking facilities.

E. Parking shall be provided at the rate of one space for each room to be utilized and one space for each employee/owner. No parking shall be allowed in any front yard.

F. A fire protection plan approved by the County Fire Marshal must be submitted at the time of permit application.

G. The required site plan shall depict neighboring properties and buildings within 200 feet of property lines.

H. The site shall have direct vehicular access to a public street or an approved private street.

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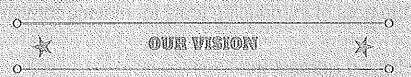
Marcus Luttrell's Lone Survivor, the 2007 #1 New York Times best-selling book, tells the harrowing, emotionally raw account and motivational story of his survival and the deaths of his comrades-in-arms in Operation Red Wings, a mission to gather intelligence on Taliban leadership in Afghanistan.

Marcus' NEVER QUIT attitude was key to his survival and his recovery at home.

After surviving his operations in Afghanistan, Marcus returned home to his ranch in Texas, the center of his post-combat recovery and restoration. On the ranch, Marcus had time to recover, to think, and to feel the love and support of close friends and family as he healed his wounds. Based upon first hand experiences of what is needed to provide holistic treatment beyond standard government programs, while honoring his lost comrades from Operation Red Wings, Marcus established the Lone Survivor Foundation in 2010,



Lone Survivor Foundation restores, empowers, and renews hope for wounded service members and their families through health, wellness and therapeutic support.



• Build 3 - 4 nationally recognized therapeutic retreat facilities to allow us to better fulfill our mission and serve our growing waiting list of service members and families in need.

 Stabilize and enhance family structures and relationships through education, counseling, support, and inspiration using short-term retreats and referral programs.

• Inspire and motivate Americans to recognize and offer support, mentorship, and care for our wounded service members and their families.

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# OUR PROGRAM SERVICES

Lone Survivor Foundation is here to help America's wounded service members and their families adjust to the effects of their experiences and help them transition into what may be looked at as their 'new normal' – providing an understanding and acceptance of who they are as a person, a family, and a community. LSF provides support to service members/veterans and families from all military branches who are challenged with injuries such as:

- Post-Traumatic Stress (PTS)
- Mild Traumatic Brain Injury (mTBI)
- Chronic Pain
- Military Sexual Trauma (MST)
- Care Partner Stress

These painful injuries have devastating effects on the individual as well as their family. LSF's goal is to support both the individual and the family through education, coping skills and reducing symptoms of stress. To that end, LSF conducts retreats with a focus on wellness and therapeutic support. Retreats are conducted year-round over a five-day period at scenic facilities, allowing ample opportunity for the healing effect of nature and relaxation. We host various types of retreats to meet the specific needs of the populations we serve, with the goal of introducing tools for moving forward successfully.

- LSF hosts specialized retreats for:
- Individuals
  - o Service Members
  - o Care Partners
  - o Military Sexual Trauma
- Couples
- Families

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# OUR PROGRAM SERVICES

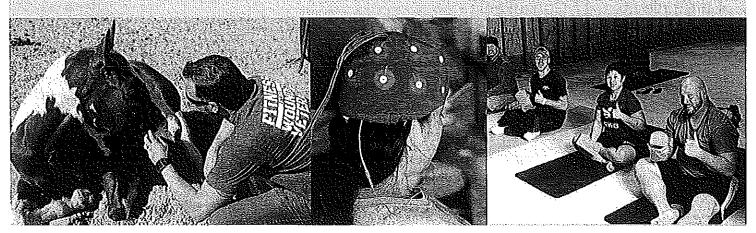
Our retreats emphasize the use of **Equine Assisted Learning** (EAL) using the EAGALA model, **neurofeedback**, combat trauma specific **yoga**, and **other cutting edge modalities** geared toward improving quality of life.

We empower our retreat participants with the skills and resources necessary to create a plan for their continued recovery after the retreat. Through our referral network, we can connect them to organizations and providers in their local area who can assist them in continuing the therapeutic treatments they have selected to pursue.

Through the **plan they create** and the resources we provide, the retreat participant will be **empowered** to take **ownership** of their healing process.

Individuals are welcome to come back for a Couples Retreat, followed by a Family Retreat (usually 6-18 months apart), depending on their individual needs and progress.

All of these services are provided at **no cost** to the service members or their families through the generous support of donors and sponsors, and through fundraising events around the country.



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#### 2010

February - Lone Survivor Foundation Founded

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#### 2011

o 4 retreats - All Individual

14 individuals served

2 Employees, 4 Consultants

June – First LSF Retreat held (Individual)

Modalities Offered: EAGALA, psychoeducational groups, individual sessions

#### 2012

• 4 retreats - 3 Individual, 1 Family

21 individuals, 4 families

3 Employees, 7 Consultants

June – First Family LSF Retreat held

August – Modality Added: Accelerated Resolution Therapy (ART)

#### 2013

 11 Retreats - 9 Individual, 2 Family 50 individuals, 7 families
 4 Employees, 9 Consultants

### 2014

• 14 retreats - 9 Individual, 2 MST, 2 Couples, 1 Family

54 individuals, 11 MST survivors, 9 couples, 3 families

• 5 Employees, 17 Consultants

• January – First Female MST LSF Retreat held

• February – First Couples LSF Retreat held

April – Groundbreaking for LSF Crystal Beach Retreat Facility

#### Legend:

Service Expansion

- Program Development
- Staffing Snapshot
- LSF Milestone

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#### 2015

- I6 retreats 10 Individual, 2 MST, 4 Couple
- 66 individuals, 16 MST survivors, 16 couples
- 6 Employees, 24 Consultants
- April LSF Crystal Beach Retreat Facility Grand Opening
- May First retreat held at Crystal Beach

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- October Modality Added: Trauma-Sensitive Yoga
- December Modality Added: Neurofeedback

#### 2016

© 31 retreats - 13 Individual, 4 MST, 1 Pre-9/11, 6 Couple, 6 Family, 1 Care Partner 99 individuals, 31 MST survivors, 7 Pre/9-11, 26 couples, 21 families,

- 9 care partners
- 11 Employees, 47 Consultants
- January Modality Added: Alpha-Stim
- March First Care Partner LSF Retreat held
- May Modality Added: Creative Arts
- November First Pre-9/11 LSF Retreat held

#### 2017

- 43 retreats 17 Individual, 6 MST, 1 Pre-9/11, 11 Couple, 5 Family, 3 Care Partner 359 participants projected
- 13 Employees, approximately 50 Consultants
- January Neurofeedback Modality Enhancement Added: Brain Mapping
- March Plans to build an LSF Retreat Facility near Fayetteville, NC announced
- May First Male MST Retreat held

#### Legend:

- Staffing Snapshot
- Service Expansion Program Development
  - LSF Milestone

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# GROWTH

YEAR OVER YEAR

# 2011

4 Retreats

# 2014

14 Retreats 82 Participants Served 21% increase over 2013

# 2012

4 Retreats

31 Participants Served 121% increase over 2011

# 2015

# 16 Retreats

98 Participants Served 20% increase over 2014

# 2013

11 Retreats

68 Participants Served 118% increase over 2012

# 2016 31 Retreats

225 Participants Served 129% increase over 2015

# 517 Participants

served since 2011

DURING THIS SAME TIME, LSF HAS RECEIVED OVER 1,600 RETREAT APPLICATIONS. OUR WORK IS NOT DONE!

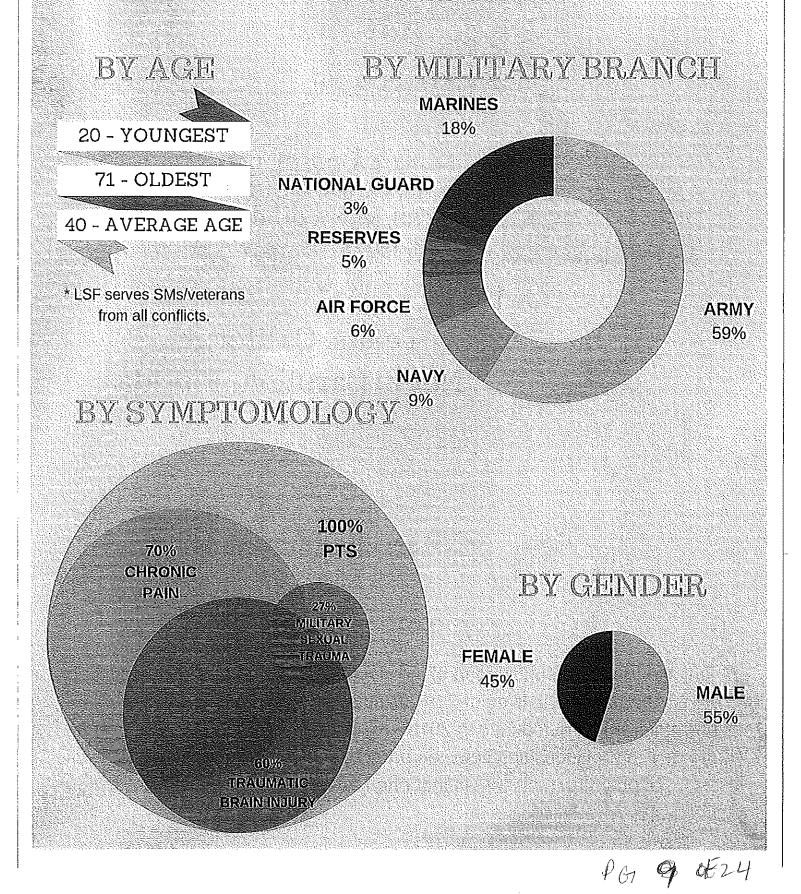


43 retreats scheduled 359 participants anticipated

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# 2016

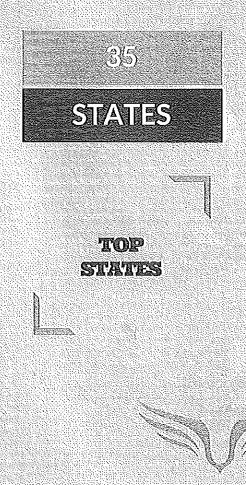
RETREAT DEMOGRAPHICS



# 2016

RETREAT DEMOGRAPHICS.

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# Texas, California, North Carolina, Florida

LONE SURVIVOR<sup>™</sup> FOUNDATION

## 2016 SUMMARY

Thanks to the generous support of individual donors and corporate sponsors across the nation, the lives of 225 individuals (service members, spouses, and children) were touched in 2016 - resulting in stronger marriages, and more resilient relationships between parents and children, breaking the cycle of post-traumatic stress that often travels down generations.

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# RESTORE

Scott W. - "In just four days, LSF showed me what my problems were – but they didn't just let me think I had a problem; they showed me how to find it, how to look for it, how to fix it. It's not an excuse anymore. I have Post Traumatic Stress – there is no disorder, I just have PTS. The tools they showed me changed me. They recognized my stuttering and shaky hands as symptoms of a TBI, and helped me fight for my disability rating. That helped my family out - now we have medical coverage. LSF took the time to show me that I wasn't alone. But LSF didn't stop there – they reached out to my wife. My wife has PTS because of me - I gave it to her. I put her through hell because of what I was dealing with and I didn't want to face it. So LSF said 'Let's bring your wife to a care partner retreat.' She came back changed – she started to understand that she wasn't the only one going through what she was going through. Then we went to a couples retreat and finally had time together to talk things out and see if we really knew each other enough to stay together. Then the big change happened – the family retreat. We have teenagers. My son stands 6 feet tall, is built like a football player but is really a teddy bear. When I see that child, I see a soldier. I treated him like a soldier. I was hard on him and he didn't understand why. LSF helped my children understand what I was going through, and then LSF taught me what my kids were going through. That changed our family – our family has never been stronger."

# EMPOWER

Deanna D. — "This retreat gave me the skills and tools I need to go from having the past traumatize my life to having it challenge my future."



## RENEW

Angie S. - "You all gave me the support and acceptance that I never had. For three years I've been trying to find the courage to name out loud what happened to me; it was a struggle because I was bounced between therapists and trust wasn't there. In the short time at the retreat you all, through simple acts of support and acceptance, allowed me to trust enough to open up. Simple acts such as... not pushing me to talk when I wasn't ready, and allowing me to use art to express what I couldn't verbally, but the biggest was how you changed the final days' schedule to give me extra help. This showed me I could trust you to break a hole into a 20 year old shell and name it out loud in a safe place....You all have a gift. You help those who need someone to listen, support and find the courage and strength to face each day. I owe you all more than I can ever repay... You gave me the courage to face my past, to walk with my head up and to go from being a victim with no voice - to a survivor with a voice."

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From the desk of Dale Enderlin, Dir, of Finance

# Financial X Overview

#### **History of Growth**

In early 2014, LSF was hosting 14 retreats at rented facilities around the country, providing important therapeutic support services to 82 service members and family members. Due to scheduling limitations inherent to using rented facilities, our program growth was restricted to 14-16 retreats per year.

With the support of the local community, we opened our first owned retreat facility in Crystal Beach, Texas in April 2015, allowing us to expand our program services to 31 retreats in 2016 (18 at the Crystal Beach Retreat Facility and 13 at rented facilities) serving 225 service members and family members – a 129% increase over 2015's participant numbers.

43 retreats are scheduled for 2017 with 359 participants anticipated - a 60% increase over 2016's participant numbers.

#### **Retreat Expenses**

all average costs have been rounded to the nearest \$100 increment Our 2016 budget was \$26,000 per retreat. The actual average cost per retreat in 2016 was \$27,500 - primarily due to the challenge of cost control when renting facilities. Average Retresti Costs

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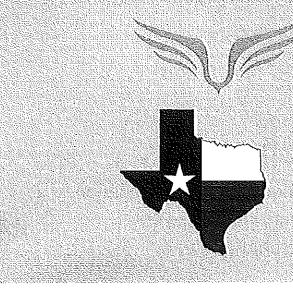
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#### Looking Forward

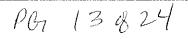
The Foundation is hosting 43 retreats in 2017, with 359 participants anticipated. The Crystal Beach Retreat Facility can hold up to 28 retreats per year; the Foundation will be hosting 15 retreats at rented facilities in 2017. The year-to-year increase in number of participants served has averaged 78%, but growth has been limited by the availability of facilities that are suitable for our program. We have received over 1,600 applications to date, and have been able to serve 517 participants to date. Without adding additional facilities, our current situation limits us to 59 retreats annually, serving a maximum of about 475 participants per year.

Financial X Overview

In March of 2017, we announced plans to explore an opportunity to build a new facility in Fayetteville, North Carolina. A second owned retreat facility would allow us to reduce the use of rented facilities for a time and better control costs as the number of retreats increases each year, while serving more service members and families. Assuming a second facility is built within the next two years, projected growth suggests a third facility may be needed within the next 5 years for additional program expansion.







Fromthedeskof Dale Enderlin, Dir. of Finance

# Financial X Overview

76%

#### **Financial Stability**

The Foundation had strong financial performances 2013 through 2016, closing out the year with approximately 8 million in net assets and close to \$6.5 million in cash. In achieving these numbers, we have been able to maintain a functional expense mix of 76% program services, 18% fundraising, and 6% management/general & administrative costs. **Program Services** Overall, the Foundation's funding and financial

Fundraising 18%

> Mngmt/G&A 6%

liquidity is strong, with no debt and no plans to borrow money to expand the program.

In order to handle the inevitable economic ups and downs without a disruption in our program services, the Foundation strives to keep 1-2 years of operating expense in cash reserve. Currently our cash balance covers our operating expense cash reserve and enough funds to build one of the two retreat facilities needed in the next 2 years if we only wanted to maintain one year of cash reserve. Fundraising continues to be a priority in order to maintain the reserve and flexibility for program expansion, as the expense budget is expected to soon exceed 4 million per year with the projected increase in retreats and facilities.

Madison R. - "LSF has given our family a new lease on life. We have been given hope for the future, forgiven of the past and have gained understanding. We are united as one and are now on our way to living a more fulfilled and positive life together!"



Lone Survivor Foundation meets needs, facilitates change, and breaks cycles through individuals like you! You have the power to change lives!

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# THIS IS A CALL TO

## FOUNDATION CAMPAIGN

Foundation Donors are those individuals or companies who make a 3 year commitment to support our mission at \$100,000 or more per year. Help us build a strong foundation that can weather any storm!

# CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Numerous donation opportunities are available for our Fayetteville, North Carolina retreat facility, including naming opportunities. Help us expand our retreat program to serve those who have risked their lives for our freedom!

## **OPERATIONS CAMPAIGN**

Our current operation expenses total \$3.2 million, and are projected to increase by 28% to \$4.1 million by 2019 as we increase the number of retreats hosted annually. Help us continue growing our retreat program by donating to our Operations Campaign!

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Lone Survivor Foundation was born out of fierce patriotism, unalterable determination, and a "never quit" attitude.



We are looking for individuals and companies who share those values to join with us - to restore marriages and families, empower individuals with knowledge, and renew hope for those who have seen countless "hopeless" situations.

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# **Foundation Donors**

Foundation Donors receive special recognition in LSF marketing materials printed over the life of their sponsorship, as well as an à la carte menu of benefits such as:

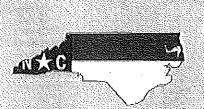
- inclusion in LSF's galas

- press releases
- opportunity to join LSF's advisory board

- Veteran Employee Benefit Program: LSF retreat for your veteran employees opportunity to use the LSF Crystal Beach Retreat Facility for corporate meetings during the summer months

Don't see the benefit you are looking for? Just ask! We are happy to customize a sponsorship package that meets your needs.

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Fayetteville, NC

# CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



### Be a part of LSF's growth!

The Fayetteville Retreat Facility has been designed to suit the needs of all our LSF's retreat types and can sleep up to 9 individuals; 6 couples; or 4 families, along with staff.

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A variety of donation opportunities are available: from donations of any amount directed to the capital campaign, to naming opportunities at the facility itself.

# **Naming Opportunities**

Retreat Facility and Grounds- \$250,000 (1 available) Pond with Fountain - \$25,000 (1 available) Flag Pole - \$20,000 (3 available) United States North Carolina LSF Fire Pit - \$20,000 Activity Room - \$15,000 (2 available) Yoga Room - \$15,000 (1 available) Caretaker's Quarters - \$15,000 (1 available) Family Rooms - \$15,000 (4 available) Therapy Room - \$10,000 (4 available) Individual Rooms - \$10,000 (4 available)

To learn more and make a donation to the building of the North Carolina LSF Retreat Facility, visit www.lonesurvivorfoundation.org/fayetteville

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### **CAPITAL GAMPAIGN**

## Sponsorship Opportunities

Admiral - \$100,000 +

16x16 Engraved Brick on the Legacy Walk

Fayetteville, NC

RETREAT FACILITY

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Invitation to the private Groundbreaking and Grand Opening events Sponsorship recognition on the Capital Campaign Honor Wall at the facility Sponsorship recognition on the LSF and Fayetteville Retreat Facility websites Swag bag with LSF gear

Featured interview in LSF's newsletter

#### Captain - \$25,000-\$99,999

12x12 Engraved Brick on the Legacy Walk Sponsorship recognition on the Capital Campaign Honor Wall at the facility Sponsorship recognition on the LSF and Fayetteville Retreat Facility websites Swag bag with LSF gear

#### Commander - \$10,000-\$24,999

8x8 Engraved Brick on the Legacy Walk

Sponsorship recognition on the Capital Campaign Honor Wall at the facility Sponsorship recognition on the LSF and Fayetteville Retreat Facility websites Swag bag with LSF gear

#### Lieutenant - \$2,500-\$9,999

4x8 Engraved Brick on the Legacy Walk Sponsorship recognition on the Capital Campaign Honor Wall at the facility Sponsorship recognition on the LSF and Fayetteville Retreat Facility websites

#### Material and Labor Sponsorships available as well!

To learn more and make a donation to the building of the North Carolina LSF Retreat Facility, visit www.lonesurvivorfoundation.org/fayetteville

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# **OPERATIONS CAMPAIGN**

There are a variety of sponsorship and donation opportunities available to support the Foundation's ongoing retreat program and operations costs.

# Become an LSF Event Sponsor



Visit www.lonesurvivorfoundation.org/operationscampaign for more information about these opportunities and more!

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## **OPERATIONS CAMPAIGN**



# GROUND SUPPORT

#### Become a Monthly Donor

Our "Ground Support Crew" members (monthly donors) form the backbone of our organization by investing their resources in those who have invested in our freedom. Their continued support helps offset the cost of providing support for our service members. We couldn't be more grateful for our monthly donors!

Items listed are examples of what the gift amount could help us cover.

\$25 - Help fund 3 hours of therapeutic services for retreat attendees (less than .83 cents per day!)
\$50 - Help cover a flight for a retreat attendee per year!
\$100 - Help provide horses for EAGALA therapy for one retreat a year!
\$250 - Help fund one individual per year to attend a retreat!
\$500 - Help cover welcome bags for a couples or family retreat!
\$1,000 - Help provide a therapist for a retreat each month!
\$1,500 - Help provide meals for a retreat each month!
\$2,000 - Help provide property, wind and flood insurance for our retreat facility!
\$2,500 - Help fund 1 full retreat per year!

Ground Support Crew members receive a limited edition t-shirt for each year of giving!

Visit www.lonesurvivorfoundation.org/monthly-giving to set up your monthly donation.

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# Other Ways to Donate Donate Stock

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Donating stock to LSF rather than selling it may result in a tax savings! For information and servicing related to donations of securities for Lone Survivor Foundation, please contact: Dan C. Baker, Wealth Management Advisor Northwestern Mutual 713-333-5000 office dan.baker@nm.com www.danbaker-nm.com

#### **Non-Cash Donations**



Non-cash donations of old cell phones, laptops, jewelry, vehicles and even land or houses can be donated to be resold - the proceeds of the sale give us the opportunity to double our impact for our wounded service members! Just think of what we could do if all of our supporters donated their old cell phones!

### Purchase a Legacy Brick



Leave a lasting legacy at the Lone Survivor Foundation Retreat Facility by purchasing an engraved commemorative brick for you or in memory/honor of a veteran or active member of the U.S. Armed Forces. Hundreds of service members and their families attend LSF retreats. Every time they walk the grounds at our retreat facility, they will be reminded of your support.

Visit www.lonesurvivorfoundation.org/donate to learn more.

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# INNOLVED

## Volunteer

Our volunteers give our small staff the force of over 2,000, and together we're accomplishing big goals in our mission to restore, empower, and renew hope to wounded service members and their families! Visit www.lonesurvivorfoundation.org/volunteer to joing the LSF Volunteer Force.



#### Host a Beneficiary Event



A Beneficiary Event is defined as an event hosted by an individual, business or group to raise funds for Lone Survivor Foundation. These events are considered to be financially self-sufficient and are not managed by Lone Survivor Foundation, but agree to follow guidelines set forth by the Foundation. To apply to host an event, visit www.lonesurvivorfoundation.org/host-event.

### **Create a Personal Fundraising Page**

Did you know that the number one reason people donate to a charity is because someone asked them to? Our "Everyday Hero" website allows you to create your own fundraising page to reach out to family, friends and colleagues to raise funds for LSF.

Visit www.lonesurvivorfoundation.org/fundraise to get started.



## "Wings Over MST" Motorcycle Groups



Lone Survivor Foundation holds retreats that specifically address the deep effects of one of the worst and most unexpected forms of traumatic stress that can be suffered while serving your country – Military Sexual Trauma or MST. We are calling on motorcycle organizations, dealerships, and riding groups to help us spread AWARENESS and raise the necessary funds to ACT when we are contacted by a survivor of MST. LSF educates, vets, and officially recognizes these organizations so that they can host rallies, fundraisers and rides under the Lone Survivor Foundation "Wings over MST" campaign. Visit www.lonesurvivorfoundation.org/wings-over-mst to learn more.

Visit www.lonesurvivorfoundation.org/get-involved to learn more.

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# GIVE BACK

### LSF Rewards App - get cash back when you shop



Download the LSF Rewards mobile app or browser extension and every time you shop online at your favorite stores, you can earn cash back for you, and for the Foundation! Visit Isfrewards.retailbenefits.com to get started.

Crowdfunding for the Shooting, Hunting and Outdoor Trade (S.H.O.T.) Community! For more information: www.lonesurvivorfoundation.org/introducing-fire-funder



**Fire Funder** 

### Amazon Smile



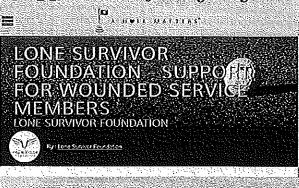
Support LSF with your Amazon purchases! Visit smile.amazon.com/ch/27-1850918 get started.

A Hole Matters - support with your golf game

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A Hole Matters is the only crowdfundraising platform with a mobile app for iPhone and Android that lets golfers pledge a donation based on their scores on all, any or a hole.

Visit www.aholematters.com/lsfgolf to get started!



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# LONE SURVIVOR

Lone Survivor Foundation restores: empowers and renews <sup>•</sup> hope for wounded service members and their families through health, wellness and therapeutic support.

## .www.lonesurvivorfoundation.org

For more ways to get involved, visit our website!

# **EMPOWER**

LSE has teamed up with Empower Processing to offer supporters a way to support our wounded service members through their everyday business activities! When a customer makes a credit card purchase at a participating merchant, a generous percentage of Empower's net collected revenue (defined as total fees collected from the merchant minus any card association fees and assessments) is donated directly to Lone Survivor Foundation.

### www.lonesurvivorfoundation.org/get-involved/#Credit



A Green Zone is a safe place in a combat zone, a GreenZone Hero is a "sale" place for veterans and their families and friends to do business. GreenZone Hero's goal is to create commerce for your business and to seaure your company's reputation as an active and dedicated supporter of our veterans.

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When you enlist as a GreenZone Hero "Veteran-Friendly" Business, GZH pays a portion of your membership to LSF. Becoming a GreenZone Hero is a great way to honor what you do for Veterans and to tell your business story!

www.greenzonehero.com/lsf



# **Rezoning Hearing**

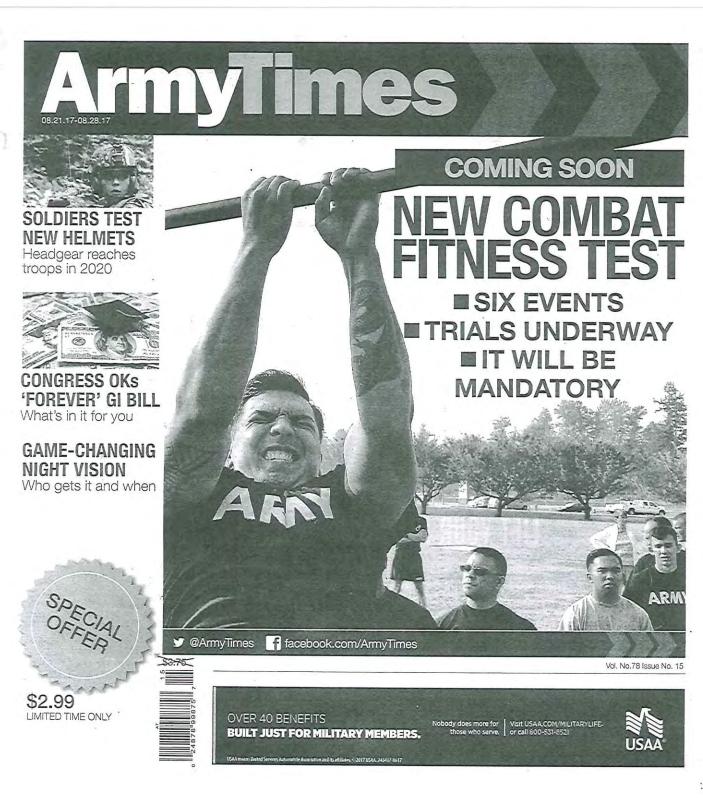
Thursday, August 17 at 7:00pm (arrive at 6:30 if you wish to speak in the meeting)

Dear Neighbors

There will be a public hearing at the Cumberland County Planning Department in the old Courthouse in downtown Fayetteville to discuss the proposed rezoning of the property at 9390 East Reeves Bridge Rc. The Cumberland County Planning Department has stated that the rezoning request is to build a 13 bedroom facility that will host up to 40 retreats per year. If you have questions please contact the Cumberland County Planning Department to speak with Betty Lynd 910-678-7600. Please plan to attend if you would like to receive additional information or express any concerns about the impact this would have on our neighborhood.

Sincerely,

A group of interested neighbors





# PTSD DISABILITY CLAIMS BY VETS TRIPLED IN LAST DECADE

#### By Leo Shane III Ishane@militarytimes.com

More than one in five veterans receiving federal disability payouts suffers from post-traumatic stress disorder, a

figure that has spiked in the last decade. Veterans Affairs officials told lawmakers July 25 that the number of disability cases related to PTSD has nearly tripled in that time, from around 345,000 cases in fiscal 2008 to more than 940,000 cases today.

Service-connected PTSD payouts now make up 22 percent of all veterans receiving compensation benefits from the department. That includes all age groups, not just veterans from the recent wars.

But lawmakers still worry that current VA rules may still be excluding thousands more veterans eligible for the disability payouts, which are tied to injuries suffered during military service.

"One size fits all does not work when it comes to PTSD," said Rep. Mike Bost, R-III. and chairman of the House Veterans' Affairs subcommittee on disability assistance.

"When you're dealing with a human mind damaged by some really bad circumstances, we have to do everything we can. I know we're trying, but we hear concerns from constituents on a regular basis."

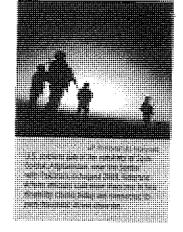
The statistics came as part of a committee hearing looking at whether department health officials are handling PTSD claims effectively.

Ronald Burke, assistant deputy undersecretary at the Veterans Benefits Administration, said much of the spike in these claims stems from decisions in 2010 to relax eligibility and evidentiary rules for PTSD diagnoses.

That, coupled with more public attention on the topic and more awareness among veterans, led to more veterans from all eras to file claims. Burke said the department now has 16 training courses focused on handling the cases, in an effort to ensure any affected veteran is identified and helped.

But Gerardo Avila, deputy director at the American Legion's rehabilitation division, said his group still sees multiple cases where veterans are rejected for a lack of proof or because of rushed evaluations.

"We have seen cases where a veteran presents extreme systems, but is only given a 30 or 40 percent (disability) rating," he said. "It can be overturned, but



it's not likely to happen. And that could mean years of waiting for an appeal."

Several lawmakers also expressed concerns about evaluators focusing too much on a symptoms checklist for PTSD, rather than fully assessing the problems before them.

Burke said officials do emphasize that broader view, and "remain committed to providing high-quality and timely decisions" on the issue. That includes possible changes in months and years to come.

#### PLAN WOULD HELP WW II VICTIMS OF MUSTARD GAS

#### By Summer Ballentine The Associated Press

A measure headed to President Donald Trump's desk could help World War II veterans exposed to mustard gas by the military, Missouri Sen. Claire McCaskill said Aug. 3.

The measure, which the Senate passed as part of another bill to expand college aid for military veterans, would require the Veterans Affairs Department to reconsider disability benefits denied to those who claimed the testing caused health problems.

McCaskill said the military tested the effects of mustard gas and the blister agent lewisite on about 60,000 veterans by the end of World War II. Her office estimates a couple hundred participants could still be alive, including 90-year-old Missouri resident Arla Harrell, for whom the bill was named.

"It says to Arla Harrell, 'We believe

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you," McCaskill said. "And that is a very important thing to say to Arla and other men like him who were willing to give the ultimate sacrifice for their country." A Department of Veterans Affairs

spokesman didn't immediately comment. Harrell's daughter, Beverly Howe, says he had mustard agents dabbed on his skin and was placed in a gas chamber without protections in southwestern Missouri's Camp Crowder after he enlisted in the Army in 1945. He's since had lung issues and skin cancer but has been denied benefits. He and other veterans were sworn to secrecy until 1991, complicating efforts to get benefits.

"When these men were released from this vow of secrecy, our country did not stand up at that point and say, 'We got it. We've got your back,'" Howe said.

## VETS CAN SET APPOINTMENTS, MEET WITH DOCTORS BY PHONE

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Veterans will be able to schedule medical appointments online and consult with physicians on their mobile phones through new telehealth offerings unveiled Aug. 3 by the White House and Department of Veterans Affairs.

The move is part of broader VA reforms promised by President Donald Trump and should expand access to department medical care for tens of thousands of rural and homebound veterans across the country. In some cases, federal money will pay for upgraded mobile phones and tablets to help veterans use the new medical technologies.

"We're going to be able to provide mental health care to areas where specialists aren't available now," VA Secretary David Shulkin said. Department video services for remote

nedical appointments are already available for about 300 VA providers and nearly 70 VA clinics. Shulkin said that number will grow steadily in months to come, as new equipment and training is rolled out. Training will be available for patients too. To accommodate older, less tech savvy veterans, the department will provide orline classes on how to use the telehealth services and new equipment, if physicians decide it's a medical necessity.

The new online and mobile appointment scheduling tool — Veteran Appointment Request — is expected to provide faster medical access and more information on wait times to veterans seeking care. The latter issue has been a problem for VA since 2014, when a wait times scandal forced the resignation of then VA Secretary Eric Shinseki.

With the new tool, available through www.va.gov and the department's mobile app stores, veterans should be able to view upcoming appointment openings in their area and plan meetings around their own schedule.

Shulkin said the tool won't allow veterans to look at medical care options outside the VA. But he expects the new tool will "be part of the solution in improving wait times and access" by giving veterans more power over choosing appointment times.