



Upcoming Event

The five-time Emmy Award-winning comedian, **Dennis Miller**, is going to take the stage at the newly refurbished Marjorie Luke Theatre for his first formal performance in Santa Barbara on October 25, 2003. Mr. Miller is graciously donating his time and talent to this inaugural benefit for Fallen Heroes Last Wish Foundation. Marjorie Luke Theater, located inside Santa Barbara Junior High, is a community theater that just finished a \$3 million, two-and-a-half-year renovation. The majority of the ticket sales will benefit the fallen heroes' children through our foundation.

The ticket prices are: \$75, \$100, and \$150. You can get tickets from ticket maestro (805)565-9359 or purchase ticket on line at: www.ticketmaestro.org.



FALLEN HEROES LAST WISH FOUNDATION

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Fallen Heroes Last Wish Foundation Marches with Army Reserve

Local high school students carried the Fallen Heroes Last Wish Foundation banner in front of the local U.S. Army Reserve in the **Santa Barbara 4th of July Parade**.

The group of more than 70 military reserve personnel was the largest in the parade, and was accompanied by the patriotic songs of **Kristi Krings**.



Kristi Krings performs in the Santa Barbara July 4th parade.



The parade chairman, **Mr. Paul Lamberton**, also arranged for the Foundation to use a brand new trolley car, which allowed us to provide a free ride to a full car of children.

Special thanks to **Mari Mender, Jennifer Jones**, the parade organizers, and the military reserve personnel who made this event possible and demonstrated their support of our troops and the efforts of our Foundation to provide for their children!



Colorado Performing Artist Donates Time & Proceeds to Fallen Heroes Last Wish Foundation

Kristi Krings, a new 19-year-old singer from Colorado, has volunteered her voice to the FHLWF! Kristi traveled with our group in the 4th of July parade, singing patriotic songs and her original song, "I Am Found." She also performed the National Anthem at the post-parade gathering at the Santa Barbara Courthouse Sunken Gardens.

Kristi, whose talent and beauty won her the title of Miss Teen of Montana at age 16, is donating the proceeds of her first album, *Nation of One*, to the Foundation. The album includes "I Am Found," which she has dedicated to our fallen soldiers.

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Donations & Distributions Update

April 22, 2003: Fallen Heroes Last Wish Foundation handed out its first \$5,000 to the family of Sergeant Joseph Menusa. Sgt. Menusa was killed on March 27, 2003, leaving behind a wife and a 3-year old son.



June 5, 2003: A check for \$10,000 was handed to the wife of Major Kevin G. Nave in the Officers' Club at the Marine Corps Base at Camp Pendleton. Major Nave, 36, died in Iraq on March 26, 2003 and leaves behind a wife with a 7-year-old son and a 5-year-old daughter.



June 5, 2003: A check for \$5,000 was handed to the wife of Cpl. Gonzalez. In the Officers' Club at the Marine Corps Base at Camp Pendleton. Cpl. Gonzalez was only 20 years old when he died on March 23. He left behind a wife and a 3-month old son he never met.



June 10, 2003: A check for \$15,000 was provided to the family of USMC First Sergeant Edward Smith, who left behind a wife and three children, ages 8, 10, and 12. Sgt. Smith died fighting outside of Baghdad on April 5, 2003. The 39-year-old soldier had planned to retire from a 20-year military career in January 2003 and join the police force full time. The military delayed all retirements for a year because of the war with Iraqi. Sgt. Smith's family lives in Orange County, California.

August 19, 2003: A check for \$5,000 was sent to the wife of E-5 Army Michael Pedersen for the support of his 7-year-old child. Mr. Pedersen died on April 2, 2003.



August 19, 2003: A check for \$10,000 was mailed to the family of USMC Sergeant James Cawley. Sgt. Cawley died on March 29, 2003, leaving behind a wife and two young children, ages 6 and 8.



September 5, 2003: A check for \$15,000 was sent to the wife of USMC Captain Aaron Contreras, who died in a helicopter crash March 30, 2003. He left behind a wife and three children, ages 4, 8, and 11.



September 23, 2003: A check for \$5,000 was sent to the wife of US Army First Lieutenant Jonathan David Rozier, who was killed by a rocket-propelled grenade under hostile fire on July 19, 2003. He left behind a wife and an 11-month-old son.



Finding Eligible Children

We are committed to identifying as many eligible children as possible and distributing funds to their families quickly. Families that have lost a service member in Operation Iraqi Freedom and who have minor children can download a grant application at www.lastwishfoundation.org or call 8056-962-7843 x7.

Your Company can Help Too!

The Fallen Heroes Last Wish Foundation is proud to be helping the Santa Barbara community and others give something back to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. We are also anxious to help others set up similar foundations in their own communities. For assistance in starting a local foundation, or to make a financial donation to Fallen Heroes Last Wish Foundation, call (805) 962-7843 ext. 7.

You can Make a Difference!

The Fallen Heroes Last Wish Foundation is an IRS 501 (c) (3) nonprofit that provides funds to support and educate the children of American service members killed in Operation Iraqi Freedom. We believe the most ardent wish of these fallen heroes was to ensure the futures of their children. Fallen Heroes Last Wish Foundation founder Dan O'Dowd has contributed \$100,000 and pledged another \$200,000 in matching funds in hopes of raising \$5,000 for every child of a soldier lost in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Mr. O'Dowd is also footing the Foundation's operating expenses, so 100% of your tax deductible donation will go to the children. Help us help them!

To donate, visit www.lastwishfoundation.org or call (805) 962-7843 x 7.

Congratulations to newlyweds Jennifer and Craig Borgstrom of Newport News VA., who wed on July 27 of this year. Craig is in the Military and is a veteran of Desert Storm. He and Jennifer chose the Fallen Heroes Last Wish Foundation and asked their friends and family to give to the children of the fallen soldiers in lieu of wedding gifts. We thank them for their kind and generous gifts and wish them a long and happy life together. (Mari Mender)