

Virginia Elks Association News

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Loudoun 2406 Sends Vet Athletes off to Invictus Games, 9-6-14



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This month Loudoun 2406's Veterans Services chair Dieter Schneider and his wife Phyllis had a memorable experience assisting our ***Invictus Athletes (Wounded Warriors)*** going to London for the International Games. Fourteen countries participated. The US team had over 100 athletes. See www.facebook.com/invictuslondon for additional information.

On their return, USO volunteers, members of the Springfield Legions Rolling Thunder, and Dieter greeted our returning US team as they disembarked through security at Dulles. The USO recorded, stored and cataloged all items that were left there for the next day's flights taking the athletes to their homes. The USO planned to open at 3:30 am.

There are plans to repeat this event every year. Dieter urges all of our lodge members to find the time to attend the departure or return of our athletes. Their sprit and determination regardless of their physical challenges gave him inspiration, a pride in our youth, and a confidence in all those men and women that protect our country.

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