

THE UHL SCOUTING REPORT

The official newsletter for United Heroes League, a non-profit organization that helps military families build confidence, friendships, and engagement through sports.



MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

April is the month of the Military Child, and we are going to be recognizing these little heroes all month long! Be sure to follow along on our social media channels as we highlight military kids by featuring them on their very own player card. These military kids never signed the dotted line, yet still serve and sacrifice right along side their parents. If you would like the chance to see your military child be featured, please follow this [link](#) and submit the form provided. Thank you to all of the military kids of this country!

Cheyenne Crist

Nickname: Pitchfork

Age: 11

Hometown: Roosevelt, Minnesota

Sports: Hockey, Cross Country, Volleyball, Trap



UHL: Who is your role model and why?

Cheyenne: Zane McIntyre. He is a goalie like me and he knows how to get into "the zone" and concentrate on the game.

UHL: What are the hardships that come along with being a Military Child?

Cheyenne: Dad going away and not coming back for a long time. My friends always moving away or me moving.

UHL: What is your message to military supporters and UHL supporters?

Cheyenne: Thank you so much for supporting UHL!! My coach asked me to become a goalie last year and I didn't have any goalie gear. UHL gave me the gear I needed to play goalie safely and if they didn't, I don't know if my parents would have been able to get me all the extra gear. I love being a goalie and I am so grateful that UHL helped me.

UHL: What is your favorite memory with/of UHL?

Cheyenne: That time we got to camouflage our face at UHL Warrior Camp! I love meeting other military kids. I have so many good hockey player military friends that I met at UHL!

Aurelio Gutierrez

Nickname: Reli

Age: 12

Hometown: Chuluota, Florida

Sports: Football, Baseball, Wrestling, Track & Field, Cross Country



UHL: How have sports helped you in life?

Reli: Sports has helped me to build my confidence level up. I used to get very nervous about track meets and then the more I challenged myself, the more I felt I could conquer my fears. Sports have also helped me with time management and staying healthy and fit.

UHL: What do you want to be when you grow up?

Reli: I want to be an NFL football player or a dentist. Or a dentist who fixes NFL players teeth.

UHL: What are the hardships that come along with being a Military Child?

Reli: Being a military child it was hard to be apart from my parents. At times my brother and I had to live with our grandparents while they were both deployed. We missed them very much.

UHL: What are some of the positives that come along with being a Military Child?

Reli: Being a military child, I was very proud of my parents for serving their country. They worked hard for our family and taught my brother and I to be disciplined and focused.



RINK OF DREAMS

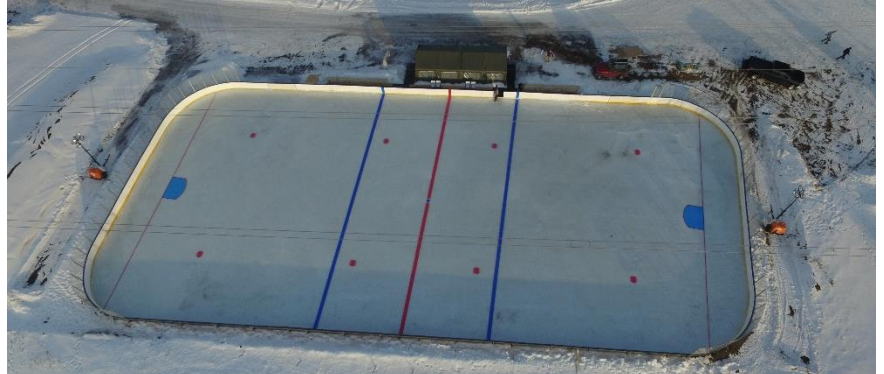
UHL received a call in the fall of 2020 from a great partner of ours, **Log House Foods**, informing us that they would like to donate a full size NHL rink, complete with boards, glass and even a zamboni! Shocked and excited, UHL accepted the offer! With the help of our many partners, this rink was brought to life. The **Minnesota Wild** sent a crew down to help with the layout and getting the boards up. We so appreciated their guidance and expertise in this area. Our neighbors at **Extreme Sandbox** lent us their bulldozer to grade the land, and then assisted in flooding the rink with their fire truck- we wouldn't have had ice without them! **Hunt Electric** and the **IBEW** were generous enough to run power and lights to our warming tent. Another thank you goes to **United Rentals** who donated 2 months of light sets so the kids could play evening games. **Enebak Construction** brought in staff and resources over the holidays when they are usually enjoying time off to help provide water for the initial flooding. **ProPower Rental** helped us out by providing a free skid loader for weeks during the construction process. Lastley, our long time partner **Cub Foods** donated bottled water for the kids to have in the warming house to stay hydrated.

Log House Foods' generosity didn't stop there. They stepped up a second time to purchase brand new nets for the rink, and then a third time to have the re-surfacer wrapped in a super sweet custom UHL camo!

We saw thousands of visitors over the winter that were able to play hockey at its roots- the outdoors. Especially with the lack of sports in the last year, this outdoor rink provided a safe and fun setting for local and even out of state teams to participate in the sport they love. Another highlight of the Rink of Dreams was being able to host a special game for Veterans that traveled all the way from Kansas City to play a game against a Veteran team from St. Cloud, MN. We cannot thank Log House Foods and the rest of our partners who made this Rink of Dreams a reality enough!



A custom UHL wrapped Zamboni was also generously donated by Log House Foods.





CONFIDENCE COURSE: NOW OPEN

At United Heroes League, we built our course as a unique source for building confidence, teamwork, and agility in military teens and adults. To help fund our overall mission, we are sharing this resource with local school groups, sports teams, and corporate groups to build similar skills. Our team of Veteran military trainers will guide your group safely through the course while bringing them closer together, creating a bond like no other. The Heroes Course is accepting group reservations now, with available dates beginning April 12th. Groups can book half or full-day experiences and have the ability to have lunch added to their outing. For more information visit: UnitedHeroesLeague.com/confidence-course

Half Day Experience

Youth (18 & Under)	\$22.50
Add on Arby's for Lunch	\$30.00
Adult	\$42.50
Add on Arby's for Lunch	\$50.00

- Your group is guided through completion of the confidence course by Veteran military trainers.
- Tour of the United Heroes League facility and history of our mission.
- 8:30 AM - Noon or 1:00 - 4:30 PM



Full Day Experience

Corporate Adult	\$82.50
Add on Arby's for Lunch	\$90.00
Add on MRE for Lunch	\$100.00

- Your group is guided through completion of the Heroes Course by Veteran military trainers.
- Tour of the United Heroes League facility and history of our mission.
- Rigorous hike to our scenic overlook where you will receive your choice of military leadership or field survival training.

COMING SOON

HONOR THE VETERAN IN YOUR LIFE: THE HEROES MONUMENT

Honor the military hero in your life with a special brick that is permanently placed on the Heroes Monument, located at the entrance of our Heroes Course. The north wall of the Heroes Monument is reserved exclusively for the first 2,160 heroic service members to be displayed. All Military Bricks will be the same size and color to denote the importance of each members' sacrifice regardless of branch or rank.

The three bands detailed in our logo represent military, family, and sports. Your name, the name of a loved one, or your company can be added to our "Heroes Monument" west wall with a qualifying gift. Visit our website today to learn more information and get your brick today!

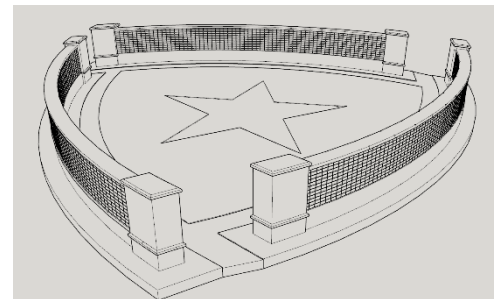
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4" x 8" Military Bricks
AS LITTLE AS \$9 A MONTH
\$200

These payments can be made in full, annual, semi-annual, quarterly, or even monthly payments!

Non-Military Bricks in other sizes and price points available. Please see the website for more information.



This monument will be visible by MSP flight path!



SERVICE MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Sergeant Gabriel Herrera, US Army



UHL: What made you decide to serve in the Military?

Gabriel: I always had knowledge of God, but a relationship with Christ and the help of His Spirit pointed the way to what true sacrifice and service meant, until it manifested itself in me fully. As a young child, my cousin and I would have mock combat scenarios in the basement and yard of my grandparents who lived in East Los Angeles, California. I made my younger cousin play the bad guy while I played out my desires to always protect others in need, even saving those that in the worlds eye didn't deserve it.

UHL: What is your favorite memory with UHL?

Gabriel: My favorite UHL memory was the first time we received a grant for my youngest boy to play hockey. Due to my injuries, I've become the sole provider of my family who consists of my wife and our six children. My wife, who is also my legal caregiver, cares for me daily and is not able to work outside our home and being on a fixed income is brutal. Even though I'm fully retired from the U.S. ARMY, having a big family is not easy financially on one income but God has always provided a way, and UHL was definitely one of those ways.

UHL: How have sports helped you in life and in the military?

Gabriel: Being a part of the US Military, regardless of what branch, is an absolute Privilege/Honor and not a right. As an infantryman and having a Combat Infantry Badge, there is no greater honor to be had. Sports did not make me into a man or prepare me for the battles I've come to face in my life. What sports did was allow the opportunity to enjoy my childhood, having fun and being healthy was all that mattered. Sports fueled the passion deep seeded in me from the beginning to appreciate the freedoms of Americans, and the great sacrifice that so many before us have made and those who continue to make, so we can pursue our dreams and accomplishments in service to others...

UHL: Do you have a message to military supporters and UHL supporters?

Gabriel: To all Military and UHL supporters, I want to say thank you for making it your privilege to serve your community and this great nation. Families are the backbone of this country and you have made us a part of yours through all you have done and continue to do. My family and I are trained and prepared for anything, regardless the outcome, for we will never stop until the mission is achieved and accomplished. You yourselves have made it a part of your mission in service to those you love and care, most of whom you have never seen or met. For Goldstar families, know that your loved ones chose willingly to sacrifice all in the presence of their enemy for those they love and serve from the very beginning. I salute you all and may you continue to be blessed...

AMBASSADOR SPOTLIGHT

Ross Detwiler, MLB, Miami Marlins

Photo Credit: Joseph Guzy



UHL: When did you become an ambassador for UHL and why?

Ross: I became an ambassador in 2013 to give back to the community that protects us and our freedoms and to encourage the next generation to play sports and follow their dreams.

UHL: What is your favorite memory with UHL?

Ross: One of my favorite memories with UHL is the annual fishing tournament fundraiser on Lake Mille Lacs. Another amazing memory would be when I was at the facility when a military family comes through to get equipment and seeing the look on the kids faces. You can tell it's like Christmas day to them!

UHL: Do you have any pre-game rituals?

Ross: I'd say I'm more on the boring side. I will eat and do all my stretching. I'll listen to whatever music is being played in the club house. Being a reliever, I have to be ready at any time, so I just watch the flow of the game and get ready for when my name is called.

UHL: What would you like to say to the military kids of this country?

Ross: I'd like to say thank you to the kids of military members. It does not go unseen all the sacrifices you have to make. You deserve to be celebrated and have the chance to chase your dreams. We are very grateful for you and your families.

Upcoming Events

Heroes Course Open | April 5th

MN Armed Forces Hockey Tournament | May 21st-May 23rd

Camo Classic | Monday, June 28th

FiTroop Challenge | July

Warrior Camp | August 1st-4th

REGISTRATION OPEN NOW

Camo Gala | Saturday, September 25th

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