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The UHL Scouting Report

The official Newsletter for United Heroes League. A non-profit organization that helps military families heal, build friendships, and engagement in their communities through sports.

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Heroes Monument is filling fast!

Our Heroes Monument has been filling up fast with military bricks honoring the service of our Veterans! This winter, UHL added over 150 bricks that are being installed right now on our campus. We are especially honored to have donated a full section of 72 bricks for our Hmong friends that served alongside of our Special Forces and Rangers in an elite unit known as the SGU. The SGU, short for Special Guerilla Unit, fought in our secret wars in Laos and Cambodia as part of the Vietnam War. We are also very honored to be providing bricks to the heroes living at the Hastings Veterans Home, just a few short miles from our campus. The bricks in the Heroes Monument denote the servicemembers name, rank, branch, years of service, significant awards and major conflicts they participated in. More importantly, the bricks are a way for their memories to live in perpetuity, as a marker for future generations to visit and pay their respects for the service and sacrifice they endured. For more information on our monument project and how you can obtain a brick for your Veteran, please visit www.GiveUHL.org



2023 Minnesota Armed Forces Hockey Tournament

The Minnesota Armed Forces Hockey Tournament was a huge success this year! With the help of our amazing sponsors, volunteers, and attendees, everyone involved had a great time on the ice recognizing military members and those who make this mission possible. In addition to all of the games, we had a raffle contest with great prizes, including a signed military appreciation Kirill Kaprizov jersey! The tournament was filled with skilled players which made every game an action-packed event worth watching.

This year, United Heroes League wanted to give back to the players who continue to make this tournament successful. We donated three special jerseys to each team to be given to their top three players at the end of the tournament. We couldn't pull off this event without the enormous commitment of time from the tournament organizers Darrin Janisch, Heather Lindsey, and Bob Miller. Thank you to everyone involved in this incredible event, and we hope to see you there next year!

For more information on the Minnesota Armed Forces Hockey Tournament, please visit their website at www.mnarmedforceshockey.com or click the logo below.



2023 Camo Classic set to be the best one yet!



On June 27, 2022, we held our annual Camo Classic golf event, and it was a big hit! All the golfers and celebrities involved had a great time. Despite how great it was last year, we are looking forward to an even bigger and better event this year. This is no ordinary golf event. We have a mounted golf ball cannon, smoke grenades, paintball guns, drill instructors yelling and shooting at you with Nerf guns, and much more to make this a one-of-a-kind golf event. The highlight of last year's event was someone getting a hole-in-one on the par three 17th hole! It was an amazing experience, and a memory that will last a lifetime. We would like to thank all of our sponsors and volunteers for making it a truly incredible event, and we are excited for this year's event; The 2023 Celebrity Camo Classic, Presented by Tradition Companies. Monday, June 26th at the beautiful Legends Golf Course in Prior Lake, MN.



The Heroes Course is a hit!

Our full-scale military obstacle course was a huge hit last summer, and we have no doubt it will be popular this summer as well! People of all ages have been coming down and attempting to complete the Heroes Course, including our corporate sponsors, local school teams, and the Minnesota Gophers men's hockey team! With over 17 obstacles, the course offers great team building, leadership development, and overall fitness exercises for everyone. It also gives people a small glimpse into what it is like in the military without actually joining. For even more of a military experience, you can choose the option of having an MRE (meal ready-to-eat) for lunch with your team after you finish the course. Coming Soon; UHL is building a rappel tower this summer that we hope to have online and operational by this fall!



Minnesota Wild Defensemen Brock Faber (center on logs) works last fall with then Gopher Hockey teammates to conquer "The Belly-Robber" obstacle.



Wild Defensemen Brock Faber and then Gopher Hockey teammates look on as one of the men conquer the final obstacle, the rope climb.

Dates for the course are filling up fast. Reserve your team's day on the Heroes Course before it's too late!

Military Child of the Month.

Children of military service members never sign the dotted line, but they serve right alongside their parents. That is the driving force behind our mission. Since the founding of United Heroes League, we have given millions of dollars to help support military children, but we wanted to do more. We wanted to share their stories to shed light on just how difficult it is to be the child of a military service member, which is why we started the program. For over six months now, we have been highlighting military children from across the country to be featured as our Military Child of the month.

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Our Military Child of the Month for May is ten years old and has been an Army brat his entire life. Since he was born, he has lived in two different countries, three different states, and five different houses! His name is Gavin Scott, the son of an Army Sergeant First Class with over 16 years of Service. Gavin's ability to adapt throughout all of these changes is nothing short of remarkable, and sports have had a tremendous impact on his ability to handle these changes like a champion. Sports have helped Gavin find friends regardless of where he is or what sport he is playing. Gavin and his family recently moved to Washington after living in Germany for three years. Shortly after moving, he met a kid in the neighborhood who plays hockey. Despite never playing hockey or even skating before, Gavin was able to jump right in and fell in love with the game of hockey. After receiving skating lessons, his family was able to get him outfitted with hockey equipment through United Heroes League. Gavin has put in a lot of hard work to become a better hockey player. Not only does he work hard at practice, but he also devotes all of his free time to rollerblading in the cul-de-sac practicing his skating and shooting. His dedication is paying off, as after just six months of hard work and constant practice, Gavin made the local 10U team! Off the ice, hockey has also had a significant impact on Gavin's confidence and growth. He recently ran for and won a student leadership position at his school, and he has made speeches in front of the entire school! He has also recently won his school's Student of the Month award. Gavin is an amazing young man full of potential, and United Heroes League is proud to name him our Military Child of the Month. If you'd like to register your military child to be featured as our military child of the month you can do so at: <https://unitedheroesleague.org/militarychildofthemonth/>

2023 Justin Morneau Ice Fishing Classic Presented by UPS

Our 2023 Justin Morneau Ice Fishing Classic was by far the biggest and best one yet! The weather was as close to perfect as you can get for February in northern Minnesota, the fish were biting, and we had record-breaking attendance!

The event started Friday evening with a live performance from Chad Johnson and the Minnesota Transplants (Pictured Right). The highlight of the evening was a special guest appearance from Babe Winkelman. He joined the band on stage and sang two of his favorite songs: Folsom Prison Blues by Johnny Cash and Turn the Page by Bob Seger. Unfortunately, the concert



was cut short due to a power outage, but the drummer kept the party alive by playing drum solos and drumming songs for people to dance to until the power came back on. Just when we thought

we were in the clear, the power went out again. Despite our best efforts, the power outage was not able to be fixed, so it officially put an end to the concert. Nonetheless, it was a fun evening while it lasted.

Saturday morning was the official start of the fishing tournament. We couldn't have asked for better weather; the skies were clear, there was barely any wind, and it was above freezing temperatures! While we didn't have a record amount of fish turned in for the fishing tournament, we had a lot of people saying how great it was to be able to fish in a tournament and not be freezing cold. We also had our celebrity meet and greet, which included Justin Morneau, Dustin (Big Buff) Byfuglien, Dave Dixon, Scott Studwell, Jeff Taffe, Steve Payne, Chris Dahlquist, and Hall of Fame outdoorsman Babe Winkelman (Pictured Top Left).



To end the event, we had Justin Morneau do the drawings for over \$100,000 in door prizes (Pictured Middle Left), which included two different fish houses, one of them generously donated by our friends over at Doran Construction! Justin also presented our Board Chair with a \$2500 check from the Minnesota Twins to support our mission (Pictured Bottom Left). United Heroes League would like to give a big thank you to UPS for putting this event together and a big thank you to everyone who volunteered, supported, and/or attended the event. We look forward to seeing you all again at next year's Justin Morneau Ice Fishing Classic.



Dallas Stars Hockey Clinic With Jason Robertson

On March 20th, United Heroes League teamed up with the Dallas Stars Foundation, Boeing Company, and our newest pro athlete ambassador Jason Robertson of the Dallas Stars to host a hockey clinic in Dallas, Texas, for more than 40 military children. Robertson even surprised the children by bringing his two teammates, Wyatt Johnston and Nils Lundkvist, to join in the clinic. They completed multiple drills to work on a variety of skills, including stick handling, shooting, and skating. They also did an on ice scrimmage to end their time on the ice. All of the children had an amazing time learning from the pros. Little did the families know, the clinic wasn't the only thing they had to look forward to. After more than an hour of learning from some of the best hockey players in the league, the Dallas Stars Foundation surprised each family with tickets to the game against the Seattle Kraken the following day. As if they hadn't had enough hockey yet, the game ended up going into over time where the Stars were unfortunately defeated by a score of 5-4. United Heroes League would like to give a big thank you to Robo, the Dallas Stars Foundation, and Boeing for making this clinic possible!



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Upcoming Events

- UHL Celebrity Camo Classic: June 26th - Legends Golf Club | Prior Lake, MN
- UHL Outdoors Minnesota: July 15th - Lake Independence
- UHL Camo Gala: September 30th - United Heroes League HQ | Hastings, MN

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