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Founder's Message

Dear OHT Friend,

I hope this newsletter finds you all well and coping with the chaos that has surrounded us for months now and new concerns that continue to grow. We at Operation Hat Trick remain dedicated, passionate and supportive of ALL wounded and recovering service members and veterans to the best of our ability. We have made a significant impact and are proud to have filled some critical gaps in care.



This month we did something fun and different over social media. We did a Dirty Hat contest and asked to see the worst of the worst. Well, who knew supporters have been waiting for us to do this? Certainly not us. We received a record number of entries and some came with unbelievable stories of war, how a hat helped was at the center of these stories and how their hat had carried them through. Amazing!

You see a hat, in our case an OHT hat, is more than a hat. It's something that makes a wounded service member or veteran feel like he/she is normal again. (I actually experienced this when a triple amputee with burns and shrapnel told me this very thing while I handed him a hat at Walter Reed one day. He got very emotional and said our hat covered his wounds, burns, treatment and bandage, making it possible for his 5-year old to come visit that day and "maybe just maybe" not be afraid of his Dad. Get the Kleenex. Pretty darn powerful). Never mind a hat's ability to combine the love of one's team/school /affiliation and the love of one's country. I think even we at OHT underestimated how powerful a hat was initially.

I hope you will enjoy our 3 hat stories. They are amazing. You can support OHT by making this all-important purchase and wear YOUR new hat with pride, all the while helping those service members and veterans in need. Be well and we'll see you next month.

All my best,

Dot Sheehan
Founder/CEO

#DirtyHat

We recently featured some beaten up old OHT hats and their incredible stories on social media; below are few we thought you'd enjoy.



Shonna (Instagram): My husband's hat. He is a MSgt in the Air Force. He was wearing this hat when the vehicle he was riding in rolled over in Iraq. It's covered in gas and dirt from the accident. It still smells of gasoline 3 years later. He was airlifted out of Iraq with a broken neck and several other injuries. He was so happy when they found the hat at the accident site and were able to get it back to him

Clint (Facebook): Hi, I was with the Army and my unit was B Co 2/7 Infantry of the 3rd Infantry Division. We were in the invasion operations of OIF1. Yes, those Bradleys carry about 4-6 people. We were crossing a bridge in Saddam International Airport in Baghdad, and thankfully my squad leader had all of us in the back dismount before we crossed a bridge. My team and I were running behind the Bradley when a couple of T-72s spotted it and fired a round hitting the back side of it (where my team were sitting). We would have been liquified. Also, thankfully, the driver, Bradley commander and gunner all survived. My duffel bag was blown up. We later came back to the bridge and I found my hat.



Mitch (Instagram): This 47' brand hat has been with me since 2005! Its followed me everywhere; basic training, tech school, out of country, vacations, its gone everywhere with me and I just can't part with it. I've stitched it, glued it, and beaten it to a pulp. Love my hats and it takes a lot for me to part with them, especially this one!

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