

From: **THE LOST CORVETTES**

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**'VETTES FOR VETS EVENT IN THE WINDY CITY:  
CORVETTE HEROES-THE LOST CORVETTES GIVES SIX WINNERS –  
ALL MILITARY VETERANS OR FROM VETERAN FAMILIES -- THEIR CLASSIC CORVETTES  
AT CHICAGO AUTO SHOW JULY 14**

**CORVETTE HEROES TO GIVE \$250,000 CHECK TO STAND FOR THE TROOPS  
TO HELP VETERANS SUFFERING FROM PTSD AND TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURIES**

(July 14, 2021, Chicago): When the Corvette Heroes launched “The Lost Corvettes” sweepstakes, the members of the group promised to do something big and impactful with the proceeds to help veterans who continue to bear the physical and psychological scars of war even after returning home.

At the Chicago Auto Show today (July 14, 2021), they are honoring that promise: They are giving away six classic Corvettes to sweepstakes winners – each of whom is either a veteran or comes from a family of veterans. And they are presenting an oversized check for \$250,000 to Stand For The Troops, a national not-for-profit organization that offers veterans who are suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, Traumatic Brain Injury and other “invisible wounds of war” safe, effective medical treatments, including Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy, Low-level Light Therapy, Neurofeedback, and other treatments to help him get their lives back.

Receiving the check will be Major Ben Richards, a much-decorated Army veteran who twice suffered traumatic brain injuries from improvised explosive devices while commanding an armored cavalry troop in Iraq in 2007. Maj. Richards has since devoted his life to helping other disabled veterans through his work with Stand For The Troops.

“Our veterans have sacrificed so much so that we can have the freedom to enjoy things like coming to the Chicago Auto Show,” said Scott Heller, one of the Corvette Heroes principals. “We really cannot repay them enough for what they are enduring. But we must do what we can. So we see this check as a down payment to fulfilling our collective responsibility to ensure that they have the best care when they come home. Stand For The Troops helps provide that care, and the overall goal of The Lost Corvettes sweepstakes is to award as much as \$1 million from our proceeds to support these veterans.”

Corvette Heroes is also awarding six of the sweepstakes winners their classic Corvettes at the Chicago Auto Show ceremony. The winners are:

- Dave Wyckoff, Dunedin, FL, 1960 Corvette. His father is a Purple Heart recipient who served in both the Marines and Air Force in Korea and Vietnam, respectively. His grandfather was a Marine in WWI, and his mother worked at Clark Airbase Hospital in the Philippines
- Adrian Madsen, Williamsburg, VA, 1961 Corvette. He just retired after serving for 30 years in the Army. And both his grandfathers served in the military, as did his father
- Edward Rummel, Penn Run, PA, 1968 Corvette. He served in the Marines in Vietnam and is an Agent Orange victim. His father served in WWII as part of the invasion on Normandy
- Kevin Fitzpatrick, New York, NY, 1977 Corvette. His father served in the Army and his grandfather served in the National Guard and Army under General Pershing in WWI

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- Ron Wilkerson, St. James, MO, 1978 Corvette. His father served in the Army in Vietnam
- David Parker, Glendale, CA 1984 Corvette. His father was a Lt. Colonel in WWII, his grandfather was a Colonel in both WWI and WWII, and his mother was an “Army brat.”

The Lost Corvettes are a collection of 36 classic Corvettes, one each from 1953, the year the iconic American muscle car was introduced by General Motors, to 1989. The cars were once owned by the renowned pop artist Peter Max, who was going to use them as canvases for unique pieces of art. Instead, they languished in a series of New York parking garages for more than a quarter-century, collecting dust and debris and falling into disrepair.

Several years ago, Max sold the entire collection to Scott Heller, one of the owners of the parking garages, and some of his family members -- Peter Heller, Adam Heller, Michael Heller, Adam Spindler, and Gary Spindler. They and Chris Mazzilli, one of the nation’s foremost authorities on Corvettes and the co-owner of Dream Car Restorations in Hicksville, NY, formed the Corvette Heroes consortium.

Since then, the group set out to bring the cars back to their former glory. Then they decided to offer the cars to the public via The Lost Corvettes sweepstakes, with 36 winners each winning one of the cars. They also decided to have proceeds from the initiative benefit military veterans. The goal was to give away the three dozen cars in a single grand ceremony in New York.

But just as with the Chicago Auto Show and businesses across the country, the Corvette Heroes plans were upended by the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result, refurbishment of the cars was greatly disrupted and the sweepstakes was divided into multiple parts. The first 10 were given away in a Veterans Day 2020 ceremony in New York, with proceeds benefiting the National Guard Educational Foundation. The second six were awarded during a pre-Memorial Day ceremony this, also in New York.

After the next six are awarded today in Chicago, the remaining 14 Corvettes will be given away at two more events over the course of this year. Tickets to win one are \$3 each and can be purchased at [www.thelostcorvettes.com](http://www.thelostcorvettes.com)

(Editor’s Note: members of the Corvette Heroes are available for interviews, and The Lost Corvettes are available to photograph and film. Contact Bruce Bobbins, 908.586.5742 [bruce\\_bobbins@dkcnews.com](mailto:bruce_bobbins@dkcnews.com) or Melissa Weir, 516.885.6173, at DKC Public Relations to make arrangements).

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