



SABOT GROUP ANNUAL REPORT







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SABOT GROUP

“Supporting the Combat Veteran Community by Inspiring Life-Long Connections and Creating Awareness of the Challenges Veterans Face in Our Society”

Founded by **Hammond Meredith Sabot Group** is an organization created with one goal in mind: to support combat veterans and their transition to civilian life. The trauma that PTSD and other conditions imposes on veterans after harrowing days and multiple deployments of actual combat, can often only be understood by those that have experienced it. Sabot reaches out to those who need understanding and provide opportunities to improve their quality of life. In this spirit, this is where the Sabot Group was born. This goal is accomplished in conjunction with its sister companies, Sabot Foundation and Sabot Racing. Sabot Foundation a 501(c)(3) Charitable Trust is dedicated to supporting our Veterans by inspiring life-long connections through participation in wholesome activities fostering fun, teamwork and comradery (including camping, hunting, fishing and off-roading). Sabot Racing is a UTV Pro Induction, Trophy Truck Desert and Drift racing team which invites Veterans to spectate and participate in their motor sports activities.

Sabot Group is working alongside various partners with similar goals to assist veterans in constructive transition in the community, we believe that “No Soldier, Veteran, or Warrior will be left behind,” falling directly in line with our mission to not only promote awareness but to make it actionable for veterans.

Sabot Group has created unique apparel and special edition merchandise which direct all proceeds to the Sabot Foundation. Sabot Group utilizes existing relationships with the ability and desire to donate various products, while Sabot Racing procures sponsorships to promote and engage within Sabot’s various activities including short term (events and activities) and long-term goals such as job training and career building within the motion picture, television and entertainment industries. Creating a lifestyle brand surrounding motor sports that involves artists, musicians and public figures to cross-collectivize the various genres is a strategic goal for Sabot Group.

Sabot Group is a leader in constructive social change with a unique angle in business, providing resources to veterans that will directly aid in their well-being.



SABOT GROUP MISSION STATEMENT

(Pronounced SAY-BO)

“Supporting the Combat Veteran Community by Inspiring Life-Long Connections and Creating Awareness of the Challenges Veterans Face in Our Society”

We are a full time off-road professional race team and through the Sabot Foundation a 501(c)(3) Trust we have a genuine passion to assist combat veterans in need, including those suffering from PTSD (a service-connected disability) and other physical injuries. Our goal is to support veterans' transition and adjustment into productive civilian life with the use of assistance programs and other forms of aid.



LETTER FROM THE FOUNDERS

We will be inside our first year serving as a foundation for veterans. In 1865 President Lincoln wrote one of the shortest and most perfect mission statements in history, for a federal agency that would not begin to exist until 65 years later. In four paragraphs and less than 700 words, and, no, there were no speechwriters then, he set the foundation for the duty to care for those who have borne the battle.

Sabot Foundation is a descendant bred true to these words. The foundation has been active in the direct support of veterans and veterans who served in a theater of combat operations alike where we have instituted social impact experiences and programs, to create exciting environments and opportunity to participate in off road activities, outdoor events and creating an atmosphere of fun and comradeship which also involve our professional off road racing team. We are executing on strategy to expand these activities into fishing, raft, float river activities, and camping. We believe the physical activity experience enhances subjective and psychological well-being.

Nature-based treatments provided a time-out from every day stressors, reduction in PTSD symptoms and a renewed sense of spiritual awareness for some veterans. Combat veterans tended to prefer treatments and immersion within natural environments over treatment in a clinical or medical setting.

We have extended our involvement to assist homeless veterans, veterans needing some financial assistance in specific areas of need and employing veterans as drivers on our racing team, and pit crews in preparation for races.

To this point we have been completely self-funded. We did not solicit a single penny in donations from a third party and at the onset we were determined to show our commitment to this cause on our own by throwing our efforts into the organization thus giving it true validity.

In the past year some have stepped to the plate to offer personal skill sets to assist us in raising money to extend into long term assistance such as education and jobs which will assist veterans in specialized training leading to social and economic mobility. We have adopted to initially center this on the motion picture and television industries with direct pathway into union, production, live-entertainment and television employment also known as Below-The Line talent.

Sabot Foundation exists to inspire progress to individuals who are transitioning back into the civilian world after serving in combat environments. The Afghan war will have lasted 16 years by the time it ends or at least winds down. It will be America's longest war in history.

We are an all-volunteer armed forces and simply relying on the government to serve every need without the involvement of smaller organizations such as ours is tough and with future progress we hope to continue to serve those who have borne the battle. WE MARCH FORWARD

HAMMOND MEREDITH

JON KRASHNA




MONIES SPENT APRIL 2017 - MARCH 2018

Sabot Foundation a 501(c)(3) Charitable Trust has spent just under \$110,000 in the past 12 months to directly support the needs of veterans, including:

- Financial Assistance
- Medical Expenses
- Funeral Expenses
- Travel, Trips and Activities
- Blankets, Backpacks, and Toiletries for the Homeless
- Donations





PTSD (post-traumatic stress disorder) is a mental health problem that some people develop after experiencing or witnessing a life-threatening event, like combat, a natural disaster, a car accident, or victim of a crime.

As an active or reserve member the military, one may see combat. **The United States has been involved in the longest war in its existence, 16 years.** It is an all-volunteer force, there is no draft or conscription. There are those who have been on missions that have been exposed to horrible and life-threatening experiences. One such example is one of our partners is USMC Sgt. Jerry Zuniga who has survived 8 IED attacks and one suicide bomber. These types of events often lead to PTSD.

The number of Veterans with PTSD varies by service era:

- Operations Iraqi Freedom (OIF) and Enduring Freedom (OEF): About 11-20 out of every 100 Veterans (or between 11-20%) who served in OIF or OEF have PTSD in any given year.
- Gulf War (Desert Storm): About 12 out of every 100 Gulf War Veterans (or 12%) have PTSD in any given year.
- Vietnam War: About 15 out of every 100 Vietnam Veterans (or 15%) were diagnosed with PTSD at the time of the most recent study in the late 1980s, the National Vietnam Veterans Readjustment Study (NVVRS). It is estimated that about 30 out of every 100 (or 30%) of Vietnam Veterans have had PTSD during their lifetime.

Other factors in a combat setting can add more stress to an already stressful situation. This may contribute to PTSD and other mental health problems. These factors include what you do in the war, the politics around the war, where the war is fought, and the type of enemy you face.

Currently and collectively more than 35 veterans commit suicide every day.

Sources: www.va.gov

The highest rate of veteran suicide falls on those aged 19–29. In terms of raw numbers, it's the Vietnam veterans' generation who are dying in droves. But the biggest takeaway from the report is that 14 out of the 20 veterans who die each day aren't enrolled at the VA. The increase in suicide rates for veterans outside the VA healthcare system has grown almost five times faster than those getting care at VA. Foundations like ours serve as helpful alternatives for assistance with non-medical transitions by building and fostering purpose.





Sabot has participated in several off-road (primarily desert) racing events in the past year and our crew included several combat veterans and injured combat veterans who participated in driving, pit crews, maintenance and support.

These included and will include the following:

SCORE (Southern California Off Road Enthusiasts) International Off-Road Racing has been sanctioning off-road races since 1967 and all of the 2018 Races will be held in Mexico's Baja California Peninsula.

SCORE: SAN FELIPE 250

The SCORE San Felipe 250 is a 250-mile desert off-road race that takes place in early April near San Felipe, Mexico and was first held in 1982.

SCORE: BAJA 500

The SCORE Baja 500 is a loop off-road race starting and finishing in Ensenada, Mexico. The race course mileage varies from year to year and is usually slightly under 500 miles. The Baja 500 is celebrating its 50th Anniversary in June of 2018.

SCORE: TIJUANA DESERT CHALLENGE

The SCORE Tijuana Desert Challenge is held in September in Tijuana, Mexico and features 3 days of off-road racing with multiple classes competing in heat races.

SCORE: BAJA 1000

The SCORE Baja 1000 is a desert off-road race which is held in November and traditionally a loop race, but in 2017 on its 50th Anniversary it was a point-to-point race starting in Ensenada and ending in La Paz totaling 1134 miles. There were over 400 entries from 44 U.S. States and 27 countries participating. The Baja 1000 is the final round of a four-race series.

The Best In The Desert (BITD) Racing Association is an American desert off-road racing association. It is operated by Casey Folks and it is based out of Las Vegas, Nevada.

BEST IN THE DESERT: MINT 400

Known as “The Greatest Off-Road Race in America,” The Mint 400 is an epic four-hundred-mile battle between the top off-road racers in the world in over twenty different classes of off-road vehicles. The race was started in 1967, and is steeped in American lore, as thousands of racers, as well as celebrities from around the world, have attempted to tame the brutal Nevada desert. An entire week of events lead up to the famed off-road race in and around Las Vegas, including a vehicle parade, drivers meet and greet, pit crew contest, crowning of Miss Mint, multiple parties, qualifying, and contingency / vehicle tech inspection.

BEST IN THE DESERT: VEGAS TO RENO 600

The Vegas To Reno 600 debuted in 1996 and is the longest off-road race in the United States, featuring a point-to-point course starting in Southern Nevada and finishing in Northern Nevada. Racers from 25 States in the U.S. as well as Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, France, Germany, Ireland, Mexico, South Africa, Uruguay compete in this grueling race each year.

NORRA MEXICAN 1000

The NORRA Mexican 1000 is a unique, five-day on and off-road vintage-flavored rally that takes place during the last week in April through Mexico’s Baja California Peninsula that starts in Ensenada and ends in San Jose del Cabo, Mexico.

LONDON GUMBALL 3000

The Gumball 3000 is an annual British 3,000-mile (4,800 km) international celebrity motor rally which takes place on public roads starting in London and ending in Tokyo. It was started in 1999 by Maximillian Cooper, with the idea to combine cars, music, fashion and entertainment.



PROPOSED EDUCATIONAL AND JOB/CAREER PATH PLATFORM

You've served us, now let us serve you! We know what veterans have personally sacrificed for our country's independence and collective success, and we have taken the steps to bridge with an accredited program with resources and support to help with post-service success. The motion picture and television industry offers well paid, long term jobs within the production and support services. We are forming a partnership with an accredited Hollywood school to offer a training program with direct exposure to the media industry and a pathway to union membership to diverse or under-represented prospective veterans, and dependents whose parent has not returned from combat operations due to death or are inherently disabled due to combat or service operations. Students in the program will engage in a training curriculum that offers hands on work experience in a career leading to working within film and television crews tasked with the production of television, motion picture and other entertainment projects.

Fellows will have the chance to work in a business related to the motion picture studios and television networks' portfolio of properties. Sabot's role is not only to assist with enrollment but to also offer scholarships and a variety of financial assistance to those actively engaged in the program.



ACCOUNTABILITY MEETINGS AND TACTICAL PATIENTS

"Joining Forces to Combat the Issues Affecting the Lives of Veterans" Helping Veterans and their families break out of isolation through "Accountability Meetings" and positive interactions with the community tactical patients helps end the suicide epidemic that plagues our Veterans.

SUPPORTING VETERANS AND COMBAT VETERANS IN NEED

Sabot Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable trust whose sole mission is to provide support to this country's Veterans and Combat Veterans as they face many challenges encountered during their rehabilitation, reintegration and healing process through participation in wholesome activities fostering fun, teamwork and comradery.

LIL BRAVEST

The Lil' Bravest was started by a group of Firefighters from FDNY Engine 84 and Ladder 34, located in the Washington Heights section of Manhattan. They started the Lil' Bravest in honor of two of their "Brothers" they lost in 2010. On October 17th, 2010 Rory O'flaherty, who served two tours in Iraq with the U.S. Army, passed away at the age of 31. Two months later they lost their mentor and "senior man" of the firehouse John "Sully" Sullivan. John was a 27 year veteran of Ladder 34 and died on Christmas Eve, 2010 of cancer as a result of his rescue and recovery efforts following September 11th.

The Lil' Bravest Inc. was founded to improve the quality of life for children who are hospitalized or being treated for childhood diseases. The goal is to put a smile on the faces of kids who are going through a very difficult time. These kids are the true heroes and the funds raised go directly to improving their quality of life.



SABOT RACING X VETERANS

Sabot Racing is a Desert UTV, Trophy Truck and Drift Racing Team that invites Veterans to motorsport and wilderness excursions such as hunting, fishing, camping, off-roading and even as working members of RACING pit crew.

HOMELESS VETERANS

Sabot Foundation has participated in two programs to supply care bags to the hard hit Stockton area. The number of homeless throughout Stockton has never been more prevalent, Shelters are overflowing. Big encampments persist. Small groups of homeless linger aimlessly along many city streets. According to Cal Vets approximately 25% of homeless veterans were located in California: the highest percentage of any other state. Sabot Foundation has participated in two programs to supply Hygienic Care Bags, the necessary items and resources to assist with individualized supportive services.



THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS

RHYS MILLEN RACING

Rhys Millen, born in New Zealand in 1972 is the son of famed rally and off-road racer Rod Millen. Rhys joined Rod in the US as a teenager and founded Rhys Millen Racing at the age of 21. RMR (Rhys Millen Racing) is an automotive tuning and parts shop these days concentrating on rally, drift and movie car preparation.

RUGGED RADIOS

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Tensor Tire specializes in making All-Terrain tires for UTV and ATV vehicles.

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ESTEVAN ORIOI

Estevan Oriol is an internationally celebrated professional photographer, director and urban lifestyle entrepreneur. Beginning his career as a hip-hop club bouncer turned tour manager for popular Los Angeles-based rap groups Cypress Hill and House of Pain, Estevan's passion for photography developed while traveling the world. With an influential nudge and old camera from his father, renowned photographer Eriberto Oriol, Estevan began documenting life on the road and established a name for himself amid the emerging hip-hop scene.

RECORDING CONNECTION

The Recording Connection is an industry-recognized trade school, a division of the Recording, Radio, Film and CASA Schools (RRFC). Our program is designed not only to train you for a career as an audio engineer or music producer, but also to help you break into the industry by helping you gain real-world experience and connections. We accomplish all this by our mentor-apprentice (extern) approach, in which we pair you with a real music producer or audio engineer who trains you one-on-one in an actual recording studio, combining a structured-yet-flexible curriculum with plenty of hands-on training.

TRIBAL STREETWEAR

Bobby Ruiz started Tribal Street wear on November 20, 1989 with his brother Joey. When Bobby was looking for sponsors for a graffiti art/benefit show in San Diego, Carl Arellano, who had a silk screening business offered to sponsor the show. "It was at that point when we became friends and started to talk about him getting involved with Tribal", says Bobby. Bobby had a concept with artwork. Both Joey and Bobby started with blank white T-shirts that they had bought from people on the streets and factories. Joey was designing tattoo graphics and Bobby started designing graphics too which they used to apply on the T-shirts. Inspired by his graffiti background Bobby wanted to use strong graphics that speak for themselves.

Most graphics were Aztec and Mayan influenced. This is how they came up with the name Tribal. They started working with graffiti artists who made hip hop inspired graphics. Tribal's start was rough but Bobby and Carl pulled through it and succeeded in making Tribal successful. Tribal expanded from T-shirts to apparel and accessories. Now almost 20 years after its start, Tribal Street wear is still representing the streets internationally.

HALO FOR FREEDOM WARRIOR FOUNDATION

The HALO for Freedom Warrior Foundation® is a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization dedicated to Our Wounded Warriors. Our mission is to provide support for Wounded Warriors as they face the many challenges encountered during their rehabilitation, reintegration and healing process. We will support the principles of the Constitution of the United States of America and our service members who have always upheld these values.

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Brutally Effective Natural Body Care for Combat Sports, Tactical and Extreme Athletes.

TACTICAL PATIENTS

"Joining Forces to Combat the Issues Affecting the Lives of Veterans"

We are a Non-Profit 501(c)(3), dedicated to enhancing the lives of veterans and our community. We are striving to build a community where veterans and their families can rely on resources, relief and recreational activities. Making a positive impact starts with Compassion, Care and Accountability!

GO B NETWORKS

Created by Artists, Visionaries and Advocates for the Arts to Level the Playing Field, Empower the Creative, Engage Unlimited Audiences and Experience the New through GO B's unique blend of TV, Radio and Online Publishing like no other. Thank you for coming along for the ride, we look forward to sharing some of the best Independent Entertainment, most Current Local and National Business News, Entertainment, Educational with Positive Messaging on any device, any platform.

VETERANS TRANSITION RESOURCE CENTER

Veterans Care Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. We have evolved from helping veterans and troops returning from war, to assisting a large percentage who now have not gone to war or seen combat.