



Lehigh Valley Phantoms

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Thank you for supporting our Military Appreciation Night. With your help, the Phantoms were able to distribute over 1,800 tickets to our veterans and active military in the Lehigh Valley. Thanks to your generosity, the PPL Center had a total of 8,468 fans in attendance to help support Military Appreciation Night. This was the fifth standing room only sellout this season for the Lehigh Valley Phantoms and it made for an incredibly emotional evening.

From the moment of silence for those lost in combat to the National Anthem and God Bless America, reasons abounded to both applaud and pay respect to those who serve our country. In addition, a very special moment was shared between the crowd and 50 new recruits from the various branches during the first intermission. These new recruits were sworn in on the ice, followed by the crowd erupting in a U-S-A chant. This wasn't the last time the various branches were on the ice that night as during the second intermission representatives from the Navy, Marines, Army, and Air Force battled it out in our Pony Hop race. This friendly competition got the crowd and other military personnel in attendance involved rooting on their respective branch.

The Lehigh Valley is home to close to 50,000 veterans and the Phantoms were honored to be able to host Military Appreciation Night to show just how much we all care as a community about those who served and continue to serve.

We would like to thank you again for supporting our Military Appreciation Night. This night would not have been possible without your contribution. The following list contains the organizations that received the tickets donated for Military Appreciation Night.

- Lehigh Valley Military Affairs Council
- MOAA
- Lehigh County Veteran Affairs
- Tobyhanna Army Depot
- Army Reserves
- Air Force Active Duty
- Catasauqua American Legion Post 215
- Macungie VFW
- Northampton Student Veterans
- US Marine Corps Reserve Center
- Keystone Wounded Warriors
- Post 7293
- Marine Corps League
- US Navy
- Allentown Chapter of the Honorary First Defenders
- VFW Post 8282 Breinigsville
- ACO 228 BSB
- LCCC Veterans Office
- 801st Civil Air Patrol
- Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter VVA 415
- LVHN Vets
- One Fight Foundation

Sincerely,

Kevin Schildt

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