

Paying Tribute and Supporting those who have Sacrificed for our Nation

National Intrepid Center of Excellence



The Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund, a national leader in supporting the men and women of the United States Armed Forces and their families, launched an important new effort to serve our military community. The Fund will build the **National Intrepid Center of Excellence (NICoE)**, an advanced facility dedicated to research, diagnosis and treatment of military personnel and veterans suffering from traumatic brain injury (TBI) and psychological health issues.

On June 5, 2008, military leaders and wounded and recovering soldiers and their families joined with the Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund for the NICoE groundbreaking in Bethesda, MD. Completion of this facility is anticipated in early 2010.

NICoE will be a 72,000 square foot, two-story facility located on the Navy campus at Bethesda, Maryland, adjacent to the new Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, with close access to the National Institutes of Health, and the Veterans Health Administration.

Each day, our courageous Warriors willingly put their lives at risk to protect our country and defend the right to freedom throughout the world. These proud individuals - America's sons and daughters—deserve the best possible medical care, and NICoE will provide just that.

America's Armed Forces in Iraq and Afghanistan have sustained repeated attacks from weapons such as rocket propelled grenades, improvised explosive devices and land mines. Service Members suffering brain injuries from these devices require specialized care from providers experienced in treating Traumatic Brain Injury. The NICoE will serve as a source of inspiration and hope for Warriors and their loved ones who are struggling to rebuild their lives.

The Defense Credit Union Council is committed to help the Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund in the creation of the National Intrepid Center of Excellence. We hope you will join us in this important effort. It is the least we can do for our wounded warriors.

During our Annual Conference in San Francisco (August 16-18) we will provide many opportunities to help us make a generous donation to the NICoE:

- Our golf tournament on Saturday, August 15 will be a fundraiser for this worthy cause. All golf registrations, meal costs and activities are being underwritten by CUNA Mutual Group and DCUC so that every penny raised can be given directly to our charity.
- Plus, to help make it easier to participate in the tournament, DCUC has negotiated with the Fairmont Hotel to provide a lower room rate of \$179 for Friday night (August 14), plus they are offering a \$25 food and beverage credit to be used during your stay.
- And most important, the DCUC Showcase will feature a Silent and Live Auction filled with wonderful donations ready for bidding!

Please join us for a most important conference! Register today at www.d cuc.org