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Dear Friends,

On September 25, 2022, the Union Adopt-a-Unit will host the seventh running of the SPC Zachary Salmon Soldier Run honoring our local Soldier Zach Salmon. Zach was killed by a sniper in Afghanistan in 2011 and was a member of our sister Troop (Archangel) during the 2010-11 deployment of the 1-32 CAV. We are very proud to have the blessing of his family here in Northern Kentucky to share Zach's story with the community. We hope to have our adopted unit, local veterans and those who served with Zach attend the 5K race on Gold Star Mother's Day.

We were not able to hold the race in 2020 because of health concerns from COVID19 but the 2021 race was a success with over 150 Soldiers and runners along with 13 sponsors! Zach's mom, Renee Cross, told us she was so grateful to see so many people honor Zach again.

The Union Adopt-a-Unit is proud of our continued support over the past 12 years of our Soldiers at Ft. Campbell. Your support allows us to send care packages and support to the HHT, 1-32 CAV, 1 BCT, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) based in Ft. Campbell, KY. We use the funds we raise for shipping, food, hygiene products and other fun items to help remind these Soldiers they are not forgotten. We have also donated money for their annual Christmas party, Spur Dinner, Bandits Ball and the Zachary Salmon Scholarship fund.

In January 2019, our HHT Soldiers were deployed to Iraq for nine months and we used the money raised from prior races to send them care packages and support. We sent over 140 boxes full of fun snacks and cards from Union. We also supported our Soldiers during a year long deployment in 2010-2011 and a nine month deployment in 2012-2013.

In order to make this a fitting tribute for our local hero, we are looking for sponsors to help offset costs and to raise money for future deployments. We will have different levels of sponsorships starting with a Diamond \$5,000, Platinum \$1,000, Gold \$500, Silver \$250 and Bronze \$100. Details are provided in the flyer accompanying this letter. We would be honored to have you or your organization as one of our top sponsors and be a part of our memorial race. If you are interested in a sponsorship or have questions about our race, please contact me at unionadoptaunit@gmail.com. You may also contact us on Facebook at SPC Zachary Salmon Soldier Run or City of Union Adopt-a-Unit.

Your generosity at a time when fundraising is especially difficult is greatly appreciated. We are an all-volunteer organization so 100% of your donation will go to help these men and women who bravely serve our country each and every day.

Warmest Regards,

Kim Voss

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