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Post 1987

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Chicago Chapter

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Veterans Association  
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Meet the New CVO Executive  
Committee

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CVO Chair Person



Dr. Connie Edwards  
Recording Secretary



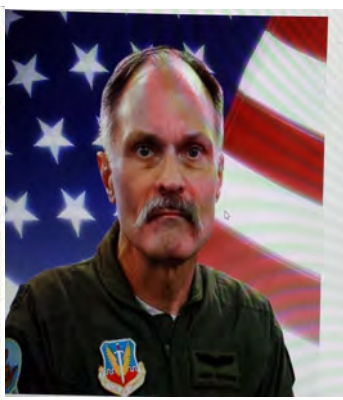
Darryl Howard  
Treasurer



David Rogers



Abundio 'Al' Zaragoza  
CVO Co-Chair Person



Larry Nazimek



Christopher Lafayelle



Taalibdin Shabazz



# CVO's Awards Luncheon and Fundraiser Party, Buffet And Show at Japan Grill 76th & Cicero in Burbank, IL. Saturday, May 2nd



**Dr. Stacy Henderson (the new CVO Chair), Dr. Bruce Parry and Darryl Howard.**



**Taalibdin Shabazz, Abundio Zaragoza, Dr. Bruce Parry (outgoing Chair, receiving a certificate), Darryl Howard, Dr. Stacy Henderson (incoming CVO Chair), Sharon Stokes-Parry and Howard Noey.**



**Ed Collins of the Three of Us entertains the crowd at the Fundraiser**



**The Three of Us serenading the LaFayelles, and Al Zaragoza is to the left.**



**Paul Knox** of the Montford Point Marine Association with **Dr. Stacy Henderson**



**Ed Collins** of **The Three of Us** entertains the crowd at the CVO Fundraiser. **Dr. Bruce Parry**, **Sharon Stokes-Parry**, **Robert Mayes** of CVO



**Howard Noey** and **Steve Nelson** enjoying the music.



## Chicago Memorial Day Parade 2015 Photos Saturday, May 23rd



CVO marching down State Street in the 2015 Memorial Day Parade



CVO members line up before the parade: **Kariem Muhammad, Howard Noey, Taalibdin Shabazz, David Roger, Darryl Lockhart Bruce Parry, Abundio "Al" Zaragoza, Christopher Lafayelle**



# Chicago Memorial Day Parade 2015 Photos



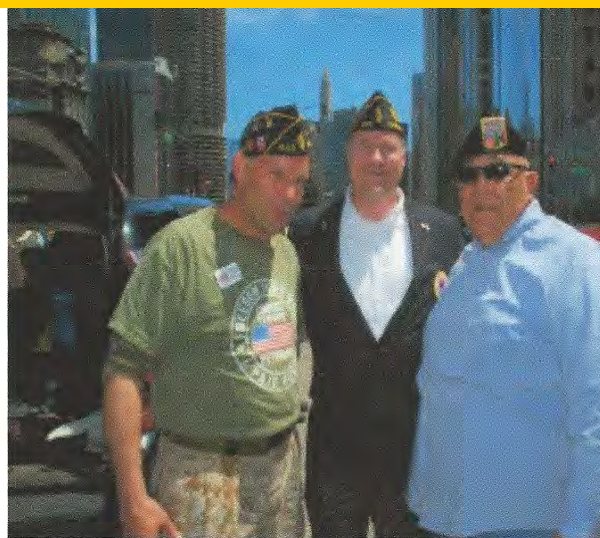
National Women Veterans United (NWVU) members Sharon Stokes-Parry, Sophia Murry and Portia Thompson. NWVU is a member of CVO.



Original Montford Pointer Wendell Ferguson and former Montford Point Marine Association National Queen Tracy Rivers.



Montford Point Marine Association members Paul Knox, Art Bingham and Willis Whitley.



CVO members John Sullivan Ryan, Christopher LaFayette and Abundio "Al" Zaragoza.



The SUV provided by CVO member Taalibdin Shabazz of the Muslim American Veterans Association drives down State Street.



Bruce Parry waves in the parade as he is followed by CVO member Christopher LaFayette driving a police car celebrating CVO and the Mexican American Veterans Association.

# CHICAGO WOLVES HOMETOWN HERO PROGRAM

By  
Larry Nazimek

You have undoubtedly attended (or at least watched on TV) a sports event where a military member, veteran, or first responder was recognized, and you wondered how that person was selected. Who did he know in order to get recognized? As one who was selected for the Wolves April 18, 2015, game, I can tell you.

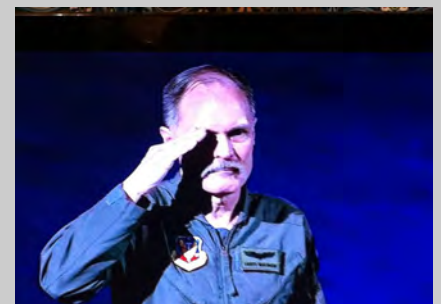
The Chicago Wolves have a "Hometown Hero" program, presented by Patriot Pavement Maintenance, and it's a simple matter of having someone nominate you. They would first go to the team's website, [chicagowolves.com](http://chicagowolves.com) and click on the COMMUNITY tab. You will immediately notice that the Wolves are an organization that puts a great deal of emphasis on community relations and charitable efforts. In the CHARITIES column, you will see HOMETOWN HERO, the link to the program's page, where you will see information on the program and a nomination form.

If selected, you will be able to get free tickets for your friends and relatives.

The opening ceremonies begin with video clips on the jumbotron, with pyrotechnics, flares, and flame throwers on the ice, followed by team mascot Skates and the introduction of the Wolves' players. The Hero is then recognized as he walks from the penalty box area out on the ice on a red carpet. Senior Exec. VP Wayne Messmer then sings our National Anthem. You need not worry about photos, as their photographer takes them, and they are emailed to you.

The Wolves are very pro-military, starting with Chairman of the Board/Governor Don Levin, a Marine Veteran. They have had many Military Appreciation Nights, where special team jerseys were designed to honor our armed forces, which were later put up for silent auction.

If you think that hockey tickets are only for investment bankers and those who can write off their tickets as entertainment expenses for tax purposes, you haven't checked out the Wolves. Go to a game and



Photos courtesy of Ross Dettman Photography

**\*\* The Next CVO Meeting \*\***

**Saturday, June 20th at Jesse Brown VA from 10 AM to 12:30 PM.**

## WRITE FOR THE CVO NEWSLETTER!

Submissions to the CVO Newsletter should be pertinent to veterans and their families and reflect the membership and mission of CVO. We reserve the right to refuse any submission. We may edit submissions but will strive to not change the content. Edited versions will be resent to the submitter for consideration. Articles should be 150 to 170 words in length.

Submit articles to [Newsletter@CoalitionofVets.org](mailto:Newsletter@CoalitionofVets.org) or mail to: CVO

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