

# THE 108<sup>TH</sup> GRIFFON ASSOCIATION, INC.

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Dear Griffon Association Member,

We are pleased to share the results of our success during 2023. Your help and assistance made all the difference!

### Scholarships:

- We awarded **\$1,500** scholarships to each of three very impressive applicants who have demonstrated a track record of excellence and commitment. *This brings the total to \$67,900 for 102 candidates over the past eleven years.*

### Soldier & Veteran Support:

- We approved a **\$2,500** grant to a widow experiencing financial hardship as a result of her spouse's death that was a result of injuries sustained in the line of duty. *This brings our total to \$18,588 over the past eleven years.*
- We approved **\$2,500** in targeted donations to organizations that assist Soldiers and Veterans to include Purple Heart Homes, the Charlotte USO, Veterans Restoration Quarters, and Iredell County Veterans Council. *This brings our total to \$39,700 over the past eleven years.*
- We provided **\$300** to support awards for the 108th Training Drill Sergeant of the Year.

**Golf Tournament:** We had another extraordinarily successful golf tournament raising **\$15,173**. It was another memorable day. While we actually grossed more money in 2023 than 2022, our overall net income decreased due to continued cost increases at the Pine Island Country Club in Charlotte, NC. As a result, we scheduled the 2024 annual golf fundraiser at the Olde Sycamore Golf Plantation in South Charlotte. This is a first-class location with easy accessibility. and will also enable us to reduce costs.

We do anticipate a modest cost increase for players this year, however, please note that the \$108 cost to play has not increased in the past twelve years.

**Picnic:** We changed our annual picnic routine of celebrating at a historical site or military installation by attending the Joy Theater in Kings Mountain, NC to view the Liberty Mountain Drama. This historical play depicts the events that led up to and during the Battle of Kings Mountain, one of the pivotal battles of the American Revolution. About twenty members and guests attended. After the performance, we enjoyed a BBQ dinner with the author of the play, Bob Inman, former news anchor for Charlotte's WBTV. Surprisingly, we learned that Bob was a former member of the 108th PAO team back in the early 1970's.

**Annual Meeting:** After the dinner following the Liberty Mountain Drama, we discussed and approved changes to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association. These changes are positive and open the membership to all categories as set forth in the IRS regulations governing non-profit military service organizations. This will help us expand our membership base.

**Website:** Construction of our new website <https://www.108thgriffonassociation.com/> has continued to progress. We anticipate this will be operational in the next few months.

**Looking forward to 2024:**

- ✓ We invite you to join us for the 13th Annual Golf Tournament scheduled for the 30th of September 2024. For any golfers who have attended in the past, we encourage you to bring a team this year. We are also always in need of help from nongolfers who can assist us on the ground during the event. More information will be available shortly.
  
- ✓ We hope to hold our 2024 annual picnic this summer at Ft Jackson, SC. This will include a guided tour of the installation and an opportunity to interact with Soldiers. We will provide more detailed information at a later date as we know more. Current and prospective members of the Griffon Association or the 108th Training Command are all welcome. We hope you will join us for some great food and an opportunity to connect with other Griffon Members and friends.

In closing, I would like to personally thank you and assure you that your support makes the difference.

Hooah!!

**Charles E. McCartney, Jr.**  
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