



Recognizing a Wounded Warrior

On Friday July 15, 2011, American Security Council Foundation Board Members recognized Lance Corporal Evan Reichenthal, from Princeton, MA and a member of 9th Marine Infantry Regiment – Camp LeJeune NC for his selfless service to the United States of America. The event took place at Walter Reed Army Medical Center where LCpl. Reichenthal is recovering from serious wounds received in Afghanistan in January 2011.

A plaque was presented in appreciation for his “sacrifice and selfless service to the United States of America which epitomize the motto of the American Security Council Foundation, ‘Peace through Strength®’.”

The plaque was presented by ASCF Chairman Brigadier General Donald B. Smith of NY (USA, Ret.), ASCF President and CEO Dr. Henry A. Fischer of FL, ASCF Director Sergeant Major of the Army (USA, Ret) Jack Tilley of FL, ASCF Director H. Daniels Corrigan of FL, Senior Advisory Board Member and Marine Corps Veteran Xavier I Piedra of MA and ASCF Director of Operations and US Army Veteran Gary James of FL.

“There are times when freedom isn’t free,” Gen. Smith said on presenting the award. “We have to fight to defend our way of life, and this can unfortunately cost blood, sweat, and tears.” He said that LCpl. Reichenthal was “a Marine and an American hero. Take that from an Army guy.” Sr. Advisory Xavier Piedra also presented a letter from U.S. Senator Scott Brown (MA). The Senator thanked LCpl. Reichenthal for his courageous service to the United States and wished him a speedy recovery. “Get Well” cards were also delivered from well-wishers from across the country.

The Foundation members also had the privilege of visiting 12 other wounded Soldiers and Marines being treated at Walter Reed. All the men were in good spirits and very appreciative of the ACSF’s outreach and the opportunity to trade stories regarding their military experiences. To know that Americans they have never met cared enough about their well-being to go out-of-their way to visit and send cards was moving. Most of these Soldiers and Marines want to return to their units or find a way to continue to serve their country—something that the military is activity working to accommodate by changing their occupation specialties to non-combat arms opportunities.



Mr. H. Daniels Corrigan, SMA Jack L. Tilley (USA Ret.), Brigadier General Donald B. Smith (USA Ret.), LCpl. Evan Reichenthal, Dr. Henry A. Fischer and Mr. Xavier Piedra