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**ALEETHIA NEEDS YOUR VOTE!
 JUNE 15, 2011**



Executive Director's Message ...by Hal Koster

The Aleethia Foundation is proud to announce that we've been selected as a finalist in TOYOTA'S 100 CARS FOR GOOD program. **NOW WE NEED YOUR HELP FOR ONE DAY — JUNE 15, 2011!** Toyota will award 100 vehicles over the course of 100 days based on votes from the public. The Aleethia Foundation is one of the 500 finalists. The new Toyota vehicle will provide wheelchair accessible transportation for service members. It will be a helpful, cost effective way for Aleethia to further assist newly wounded, injured and ill service members.

WE NEED YOU TO SPREAD THE WORD TO FAMILY, FRIENDS, COLLEAGUES ETC... Now is the time to use the social networks available...Facebook...Twitter...etc. to spread the word for a great cause!! **For a Facebook reminder to vote on June 15th...go to <https://apps.facebook.com/carsforgood>** View contestants...click on "Aleethia Foundation"...click on "remind me to vote..." and fill in requested info.

**VOTE FOR The Aleethia Foundation at
www.facebook.com/toyota
 on WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2011**

Thank you for your support and your VOTE!!!

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UPDATE ON MERGER OF WALTER REED ARMY AND NATIONAL NAVAL MEDICAL CENTERS...

In just a few short months, the doors of the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center at Bethesda will open to provide enhanced world class health care and support for our returning wounded, ill and injured and their families. This historic project

brings together best practices from the Military Services, highly experienced and motivated staff, and new and renovated facilities. It is the largest infrastructure investment ever made in the Military Health System. This project also brings the latest in technology and equipment to an integrated system of health care that will enhance both the effectiveness and efficiency of health care in the National Capital Region.

WALTER REED ARMY MEDICAL CENTER'S CLOSING CEREMONY—SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 2011

A N E V E N I N G W I T H T H E K I W I S ! !

March 18th "Aleethia's Friday Night Dinner" was hosted by Rt Hon Mike Moore, Ambassador of New Zealand to the United States. Embassy staff members and other New Zealanders performed the "Pōwhiri," the Maori welcome ceremony for the injured service members attending the "Hākari" (dinner feast). New Zealanders ("Kiwis") served as table hosts and provided informative conversations of the culture, food, customs, landscape, etc. of the various regions. A buffet of delectable New Zealand beef, lamb chops, vegetables, wine and, of course, Pavlova - a traditional celebratory dessert was served. The friendly and outgoing Kiwis made for a most enjoyable evening!



Aleethia Congratulates Chief Hospital Corpsman Brian O'Keefe USN (Ret)



CHC Brian O'Keefe retired from the U.S.Navy on May 13, 2011. Chief O'Keefe recently served as Assistant Inpatient Warrior and Family Liaison Officer at the National Naval Medical Center. Chief described the staff of the IWFLC as the "command's concierge service, meeting every need of the wounded warriors and their families." "We inject ourselves into the family so that they feel comfortable telling us their needs...whether financial, medical or emotional..." It was a real tribute to Chief O'Keefe to have seven wounded warriors participate in the Flag Ceremony at his retirement ceremony. During the last several years, Chief assisted with bringing wounded warriors and their family members to "Aleethia's Friday Night Dinners." We wish Chief O'Keefe... "Fair Winds and Following Seas!"

DARCARS

On April 29, 2011, DARCARS hosted "Aleethia's Friday Night Dinner" at Carmine's with a sumptuous ten course dinner of Italian specialties. To thank the injured service members for their service and sacrifices, Tammy Darvish, Vice President of DARCARS, had arranged for DARCARS staff and the restaurant customers to welcome the injured service members and their families as they arrived for dinner with waving USA flags and cheers. Also, Ms. Darvish provided many surprises through out the evening...door prizes, gift cards, homemade chex mix, 200 cupcakes and more...Made for a fun and memorable evening for all!



FINAL WEEKS OF STANDING GUARD... AT THE GATES OF WALTER REED ARMY MEDICAL CENTER BEFORE THE GATES ARE CLOSED FOR GOOD! Join the D. C. Chapter of Free Republic (the "FReepers") on Friday Nights between 6:30 pm—9:30 pm as they stand guard at the Front Gate of Walter Reed Army Medical Center to support and honor our wounded service members and their families. Also, they greet the buses returning from Aleethia Foundation's weekly "Friday Night Dinners." We salute all the "FReepers" who proudly stand every Friday night no matter what the weather conditions...even on holidays! It is a wonderful tribute to these fine men and women who have sacrifice so much to know that there are grateful Americans who will not forget them for their service to our country in protecting the freedoms enjoyed by all Americans. **If you are in the area on a Friday night between 6:30pm-9:30pm...please join the "FReepers" or stop by and thank them for being there to support the troops!** For more info go to <http://www.freerepublic.com/tag/walterreed>

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Executive Director, Hal Koster sends a special thank you to all the wonderful volunteers, donors and sponsors who make The Aleethia Foundation's "Friday Night Dinners" a special and memorable evening for our injured service members.