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A Gracious 'Thank You' to the supporters of the 8th Annual Veterans Day Wedding Giveback

GREENPORT, N.Y., November 14, 2018 — The 8th Annual Veterans Day Wedding Giveback was a heartfelt and elegant affair thanks to the support and dedication of neighboring business partners and volunteers.

U.S. Air Force Technical Sergeant (TSgt) Trenton Todd Zanow, 27 of Batavia, NY (enlisted 2009), married U.S. Air Force Airfield Management Operations Supervisor Jennifer Lynn Lenzi, 23, of Ridge, NY (enlisted 2012) at Brecknock Hall, Sunday, November 11 in honor of Veterans Day.

Both are active service members who met while serving at the 106th Rescue Wing at Francis S. Gabreski Air National Guard Base in Westhampton Beach, NY. The couple currently serves full time at the 103rd Airlift Wing, a unit of the Connecticut Air National Guard.

The couple was notified during a surprise reveal in May. (Highlight Video available at: <https://youtu.be/wTycaH-0aLo>)

Peconic Landing and Brecknock Hall would like to thank the 30 businesses and volunteers who joined together to make the couple's dream day a reality. Highlights of this special day can be seen on our YouTube channel at: (Insert Link)

Trenton has served for ten years and is currently an E6 Flight Engineer. He has received a Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, and National Defense Service Medal, among other medals and ribbons.

Jennifer has served for five years and is currently an E5 Airfield Manager, and was recently named "Airman of the Year" for the Connecticut Air National Guard 103rd Operations Group. She has also received an Air Force Commendation Medal in support of her service during Operation Enduring Freedom, among multiple other medals and ribbons.

The couple intends on making a 30-year career in the military and also spends time volunteering in their local community, including making care packages for members' overseas and donating Thanksgiving dinners to wounded veterans, among others. Jennifer has also helped coach a youth cheerleading team.

Trenton and Jennifer were engaged Veterans Day Weekend 2017 while taking a helicopter tour in Rhode Island to celebrate Jennifer's recent promotion to Staff Sergeant. The two landed in a field at sunset where Trenton proposed. Their thoughts on this special day were just as special as the couple themselves,

“We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Peconic Landing, Brecknock Hall and all of the vendors that made our dream wedding a reality! Without them our special day would not have been possible. We are forever grateful not only for the beautiful wedding they generously put together but also for the opportunity we were afforded to bring our family and friends together. It was a truly wonderful feeling to have all the people we love and care about in the same place. We will cherish those memories for the rest of our lives and we can't possibly say thank you enough to those who made that blessing in our lives possible.”

“The entire day was absolutely perfect from start to finish. Each and every vendor went above and beyond anything we could have imagined! We are so incredibly thankful for their generosity and support to military members.”

The couple, who from start to finish never ceased to amaze everyone involved with their kind hearts and generous souls, presented Peconic Landing with a flag and plaque. This flag flown in their F130 Combat Jet is an incredible honor to have been received and Peconic Landing could not be more grateful. The flag dedication was represented with Trenton and Jennifer along with Denis and Patricia Bischoff, members of The Giveback Committee whom also performed the ceremony as the judges.

Sponsored by Peconic Landing, the annual Veterans Day Wedding Giveback began in 2011 as an opportunity to thank our military personnel and recognize them for their service in honor of Veterans Day. Now in its seventh year, it has become a community affair, made possible through sponsorship and contributions from local businesses and organizations who donate the time, talents and services that help to make the dream day a reality.

Vendors and volunteers who contributed to the 7th Annual Veterans Day Wedding Giveback include: A Flippin' Good Time, Allison G Pressler at Blue Sage Day Spa, American Tent Company, Beautiful by Dina, Blue Duck Bakery, Christopher Michael Catering, East End Events Catering, Fire Monkey Hair Design, Greenport Harbor Brewing Co., Greenporter Hotel, Ivy League Flowers & Gifts, Jillybean Custom Designs, Kim Jon Designs, Laura Tandy; Independent Consultant for Paparazzi, Lieb Cellars, Lisa Nicolosi Photography, Macari Vineyards, Madison Grey Media, Make Some Noise DJ's, Massage Me, by Sara Leonard LMT, Mattituck Environmental Services, Moments In Time Floral Design, Moriches Main Street Flowers, North Fork Bridal Shoppe, Southold Fish Market, Southold IGA, The Crushed Olive, Times Media Group, Southold-Mattituck-Greenport ROTC & Wickham's Fruit Farm.

A thank you from Robert Syron, President & CEO of Peconic Landing who said,

“This special event is a stunning illustration of community. The Veteran's Wedding Giveback annually supports those who dedicate their lives to serving others. In return we show our gratitude and appreciation by hosting their marriage and wishing them a lifetime of happiness, from the family at Peconic Landing and the many local sponsors and business partners who support in making this opportunity to giveback possible.”

Lisa Nicolosi, of Lisa Nicolosi Photography who so beautifully captured this amazing couple said,

"It was my honor and pleasure to photograph the 2018 Annual Veterans Day Wedding Giveback. I am grateful for their service and the service of all the USA military who sacrifices and serve to protect our freedom."

Matt Kar, Owner of Christopher Michael Catering and one of two caterers that contributed to the event stated,

"It's great as a community member and business owner to be able give back to the military personnel who keep us safe. We should remember all our men and woman in the services – past, present and future on Veterans Day and show we care."

The winning couple was chosen by a panel of Peconic Landing members with military ties, who judged the contest based on the number of years served, special military honors, and each individual couple's personal love story. Valerie Tirelli Hallock, Brecknock Hall Sales & Events Coordinator, oversees the sponsorship and application process as well as coordination of vendors and the event itself.

This year's member committee includes Ted Webb, chairman of the Brecknock Hall Foundation, as well as Peconic Landing members Stanley and Vivian Noble, Jan Harting-McChesney, and Denis and Patricia Bischoff. In 2018, Peconic Landing received nine applications from highly qualified candidates.

For more information about the Veterans Day Wedding Giveback or to apply for next year's 2019 Veterans Day Wedding Giveback visit www.BrecknockHall.com or contact Valerie Tirelli, Brecknock Sales & Events Coordinator at info@brecknockhall.com.

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