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Peconic Landing Announces the Recipients of the 9th Annual Veterans Day Wedding Giveback with Surprise Reveal

GREENPORT, N.Y., April 17, 2019 - Peconic Landing and the Brecknock Hall Foundation are pleased to announce the recipients of the 9th Annual Veterans Day Wedding Giveback. The lucky couple will receive an all-expenses-paid wedding at Brecknock Hall thanks to the generous donations of local North Fork businesses.

U.S. Air Force Reservist Kyle Stephen Holmes, 35, of Sunrise, F.L. and his fiancée, U.S. Air Force Captain Kaitlin Daddona, 26, of Southold, N.Y. have been named this year's recipients of Peconic Landing's Annual Veterans Day Wedding Giveback. The two met while on assignment in Hawaii and have been inseparable ever since. Kyle and Kaitlin were notified of their selection during a surprise reveal celebration by leaders of the Peconic Landing team.

Kyle has served seven years of active duty and is currently continuing his service in the Air Force Reserve as an Air Transportation Specialist at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Alabama. He has received an Air Force Achievement Medal, a Meritorious Unit Award with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, an Air Force Good Conduct Medal with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, as well as many other medals and ribbons.

Kaitlin has served five years thus far and is currently an Instructor and Director of Training at the Officer Training School at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Alabama. Kaitlin has received many accolades, including 2015 Defense Information School Distinguished Graduate, 2016 Company Grade Officer of the Quarter, and, most recently, she was the 2019 Southold NJROTC Military Ball Guest of Honor.

The couple intends to continue their military service and has spent time volunteering with the Honolulu Humane Society and the Historic Houlika Homecoming. Kaitlin has volunteered on base with the Books on Bases Book Drive and, locally, as a judge of Southold's NJROTC Drill Competition.

Kyle and Kaitlin became engaged in May of 2018 when the two were on assignment at different bases: Kyle in Hawaii and Kaitlin in Alabama. Kyle proposed on the last night of a visit to see Kaitlin with his daughter, Kylie. He did this to create their memorable proposal together as a family.

"It is such an honor to be able to come home and get married to the love of my life in my favorite place in the world," said Kaitlin. "The North Fork and Brecknock Hall possess such a beautiful magic that will be sure to bless our wedding day. Thank you so much to everyone at Peconic Landing, especially the wonderful committee for the Veterans Day Give Back for the chance of a lifetime."

Kyle added, "I was in absolute shock and filled with excitement at the same time! I still can't believe it. It's such an honor to have been chosen and I am forever thankful to Peconic Landing and Brecknock Hall. Kaitlin told me about this 'free' wedding we could apply for last year and I thought 'what a dream it

would be to get that!' Thank you again, from the bottom of our hearts."

Kyle and Kaitlin were chosen by a committee of Peconic Landing's veteran members who base their selection on the number of years served, special military honors, contributions to the community and each couple's personal love story. Their wedding will take place on Sunday, November 10, 2019, in celebration of Veterans Day.

"This is such a special opportunity for our community to say 'thank you' to the men and women who work to protect and preserve the freedoms we sometimes take for granted," said Ted Webb, a Navy veteran and President of the Brecknock Hall Foundation.

Robert J. Syron, President and CEO of Peconic Landing, delivered the good news during the surprise reveal Wednesday morning.

"We are proud to announce a military couple with great loyalty and love for the North Fork as the recipients of our Annual Veterans Day Wedding Giveback," Mr. Syron said. "Our panel received many applications from deserving couples which made this a challenging decision, but I know that our committee and community are thrilled to announce Kaitlin and Kyle as the recipients of our Annual Veterans Day Wedding Giveback. Thank you to all of the sponsors who are able to make their special day possible."

To date, sponsors of the 2019 Veterans Day Wedding Giveback include: A Flippin' Good Time, American Tent Company, Beautiful by Katy & Dina, Blue Duck Bakery Café, Christopher Michael Catering, East End Events Catering, Fat Cat Paperie, Fire Monkey Hair Design, Greenport Harbor Brewing Company, Greenporter Hotel, Ivy League Flowers & Gifts, Jillybean Custom Designs, Ken Hild Photography, Kim Jon Designs, Leanne's Specialty Cakes, Lieb Cellars, Macari Vineyards, Make Some Noise DJ's, Massage Me, by Sara Leonard, LMT, McBurnie Tent, Moments In Time Floral Design, Moriches Main Street Flowers, North Fork Bridal Shoppe, North Fork Bride Tribe, Plated Simply, Southold Fish Market, Southold-Mattituck-Greenport ROTC, Special Effects Salon, The North Fork Box, and Times Review Media Group as media sponsor.

Those wishing to donate to make this lucky couple's wedding an amazing event to remember forever can contact Valerie Tirelli-Hallock, Brecknock Hall Sales & Events Coordinator at info@brecknockhall.com.

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