



The BraveHearts Drill Team with manager Jenny McDonald (center).



A round pen was set up to offer interaction between guests and a mustang.

Veterans Helping Veterans

THE VETERANS OF LBS AND BRAVEHEARTS TEAM UP
IN LAKE BARRINGTON

ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 11, 2018, the Veterans of LBS (Lake Barrington Shores) hosted an event featuring BraveHearts at the Freier Farm in Lake Barrington. The Veterans of LBS is a chartered club authorized by the Lake Barrington Community Home Owners Association. Members reside within Lake Barrington Shores and support the purpose of the organization—to foster patriotism and an appreciation and recognition of our veterans—through a variety of events, like this one that featured BraveHearts for one of the club's Military Speaker's Bureaus. The club is also active within the community in our schools, with Toys for Tots, and many other services.

Since 2002, BraveHearts has been serving men and women of the armed forces, as well as saving lives, through equine-assisted activities and therapies with their team of expert staff, dedicated volunteers, and excellent therapy horses. BraveHearts also helps children and adults with special needs in their safe facilities and through

a caring, expert staff. BraveHearts utilizes innovative services with the help of a faculty of national experts for its programming, education, training, and research, bringing hope, joy, and a renewed life of possibilities through the healing power of the horse.

The afternoon event included opening remarks by Tom Gilder, president of the Veterans of LBS. Guests and attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance. There were recognition awards and remarks from BraveHearts personnel. A drill team performance by BraveHearts was offered by its all-military veteran riding team. Other fun events included hug-a-donkey, roping lessons, and a chance to interact with one of BraveHeart's mustangs in the round pen. There, guests learned about the gentle way to lead and communicate with a wild mustang, one that was adopted and is now part of the BraveHearts program. U

To learn more about either of these fine organizations, visit www.braveheartsridding.org, or www.veteransoflbs.org.



Veterans of LBS Bill Heinrich, treasurer; Tom Gilder, president; Ed Detwiler and Al Winchester, VPs.



Bravehearts offered roping lessons for attendees.



A guest gently communicates with a horse and with minimal movement. Here, the horse follows the young man with no visible gestures needed to make that happen. A branding mark is seen on this mustang's neck for identification at auction. This is one of the wild mustangs adopted by BraveHearts that is now a therapy horse in the aid of healing the wounds of war for veterans and others with special needs.



Marge Gunnar is a founder of BraveHearts and secretary of the board.



Allyson, a BraveHearts volunteer, with miniature therapy donkeys Maria and Pittypat for "hug-a-donkey" and photos.



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