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Flat Joe 5k Sponsors

The Lt. Helton Memorial Foundation was organized in 2011, and granted 501(c)3 status in 2013. Since then, we have honored the Air Force Security Forces killed in action with the "In Defense of Freedom Memorial" at Tampa, Florida (completed in 2017), and The Fallen Walton County First Responders and Military with the "Fallen Heroes Memorial" located in Monroe, Georgia. The Foundation is responsible for nearly \$97,000.00 towards the construction of the Walton County Veterans Memorial dedicated in November of 2018. We have also given out \$3500.00 in scholarship money. A recent event raised \$1100.00 for Stop Soldier Suicide from donors, and we will match that for a total donation of \$2200.00. Several who served with Lt. Helton have, unfortunately, taken that route.

The Flat Joe 5k is responsible for a large portion of the Foundation's effort. This year we are partnering with the Shadow Warrior Foundation, which serves our homeless by: 1) helping them connect with resources to get them off the streets, or 2) keeping track of where those who want to remain homeless are living. These Shadow Warriors take needed basic supplies to them on a regular basis, most often walking into areas neither you nor I would dare to go even in the safety of our car.

We are looking for new sponsors this year to help us with our goal of helping our homeless Veterans find some hope and/or comfort. Please see the attached sheet for sponsorship opportunities, (small donations are always welcomed). Our usual race sponsor and T-shirt sponsor are both unable to help us this year, creating the opportunity for a new benefactor to participate in this great cause.

Lt. Helton was a unique individual, much beloved when he graduated from MHS in 2003 by teachers, peers, and undergrads alike. Having been active in the AFJROTC his entire career at MHS, he applied for and received a commission from then Representative John Linder, and admission to the United States Air Force Academy. He graduated the Academy in 2007, again in the top 15% of his class, and was granted his request to become part of the Security Forces effort. He relinquished his pilot qualifications for a preference to service "with his men and not from above." This defined his career, and is what bonded those he served with to him. He would always make appearances in the JROTC room at the High School every time he came home for a visit, in an effort to inspire students to achieve more. He was known for helping those who were struggling towards a goal. He was often heard to say: "Don't be a weaksauce," which almost always inspired just that little bit more of needed extra effort.

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