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THE YARMOUTH POLICE DEPARTMENT MEDIA RELEASE

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Yarmouth Police Host 2nd Annual Cape Cod Run for the Fallen

The Yarmouth Police Relief Association and the Yarmouth Police Department have organized a 6 mile memorial run/ 3 mile walk on Sunday, August 23, 2009 to honor the 6 fallen service members from Cape Cod who have served our country in *Operation Iraqi Freedom* and *Operation Enduring Freedom* in Afghanistan:

United States Marine CPL Nicholas G. Xiarhos	Yarmouth
United States Army SGT Mark R. Vecchione	Eastham
United States Army SGT Alexander H. Fuller	Centerville
United States Army SSGT Alicia A. Birchet	Mashpee
United States Marine PFC Daniel A. C. McGuire	Mashpee
United States Army PFC Paul E. Conlon	Mashpee

Each of the 6 miles will be dedicated to one of the fallen service members. This run is part of a nationwide *Run for the Fallen* event commemorating the cross-country memorial run completed in 2008 by a dedicated team of runners which ran one mile for every service member killed during *Operation Iraqi Freedom*, covering more than 4,000 miles and 13 states. The *Run for the Fallen* organizers are encouraging people nationwide on August 22/23 to continue the tradition of running one mile for each fallen service member in their communities who have served in either *Operation Iraqi Freedom* or *Operation Enduring Freedom*.

WHO: All Members of the Public are Welcome and Encouraged to Participate

WHAT: 2nd Annual Cape Cod *Run for the Fallen* 6 Mile Memorial Run/3 Mile Walk

WHEN: Sunday, August 23, 2009 at 10:00 AM Rain or Shine

WHERE: The Skipper Restaurant 152 South Shore Drive South Yarmouth, Massachusetts

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The 6 mile memorial run is not a competitive race. A 3 mile route will be available for walkers. A donation of \$10 for runners/walkers is suggested to support the Nicholas G. Xiarhos Memorial Fund. This fund will provide recognition and assistance to the brave men and women in our community who choose to serve our great country in the Armed Forces to protect the innocent and the weak, and fight for freedom all over the world.

A portion of the proceeds will support the U.S. Marine Lance Corporal Dominic Davila Fund. Dominic Davila was in the Humvee with U.S. Marine Corporal Nicholas G. Xiarhos, who died from wounds suffered from a roadside bomb in Helmand Province, Afghanistan on July 23, 2009. Davila, a 22-year old from Chicago who aspires to become a Chicago police officer, survived the explosion but lost his leg and could lose his other leg. He faces a long recovery ahead including a year's hospitalization in Maryland, away from his family.

For more information about the run, please contact Kevin Lennon, Yarmouth Police Relief Association at 508-775-0445, extension 2114.

A Post-Run Fundraising Event will be held at Trader Ed's at the Hyannis Marina on Sunday, August 23, 2009 at 4:00pm Rain or Shine, located at 21 Arlington Street in West Yarmouth, Massachusetts.

All are welcome to attend this post-run gathering to honor Cape Cod's fallen service members. The event will feature refreshments, special guests and fundraising activities including raffles to benefit the Nicholas G. Xiarhos Memorial Fund and the U.S. Marine Lance Corporal Dominic Davila Fund.

For more information about the post-run fundraising event at Trader Ed's, please contact Emily Zinck at 508-221-6454.

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