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Settlers Hospitality Gives Back to Our Veterans

Hawley, PA (Oct 16th, 2018) —The Settlers Hospitality Group is pleased to present, a night of complimentary lodging on November 12th at The Settlers Inn, Silver Birches or Ledges Hotel. Reservations are required. There will also be a fire side chat with wine and cheese at The Settlers Inn from 4-6pm featuring speaker Earl Granville starting at 4:15pm.

Earl Granville is a nine-year veteran under the Pennsylvania Army National Guard as an infantryman. During his time in the service, Granville served in support of Operation Joint Forge in Bosnia, Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. In the summer of 2008 while on a patrol in Zornat, Afghanistan, his vehicle was hit by a roadside bomb which resulted in the amputation of his left leg through the knee. His comrades, Specialist Derek Holland of Wind Gap, Pennsylvania and Major Scott Hagerty of Stillwater, Oklahoma were killed in action.

After his injury, Earl found himself competing in many sports adapting to his injury such as snowboarding, ice sled hockey, GoRuck endurance Challenges and Spartan Races. He is a Team Member for the veteran run and owned non-profit Operation Enduring Warrior, and is the President of Partnerships of the veteran found apparel line, Oscar Mike. Both organizations have a mission to keep our disabled veterans continuing to live an active lifestyle after their respected injuries. After being wounded, he has competed in the 2017 Boston Marathon and the 2017 NYC Marathon under the Achilles Freedom Team, is a finisher of the 2016, 2017 & 2018 Bataan Memorial Death March, and has completed the 60-hour endurance event, the Spartan Agoge. Earl also speaks publicly about the importance of finding help in battling mental adversity after the passing of his twin brother, Staff Sergeant Joseph Granville, who took his own life December of 2010 while still on Active Duty. Earl is enrolled at the University of Scranton for Counseling & Human Services.

Earl has been featured on the TV series, Spartan Ultimate Team Challenge on NBC. He was awarded the JCI TOYA Award for Personal Improvement and/or Accomplishment under the Class of 2017, 2018 Outstanding Veteran Volunteer Award by the Daughters of the American Revolution, was given the 2017 Awarded for Service under the organization Operation Valor for his public speaking and volunteer time with Operation Enduring Warrior and Oscar Mike, is the 2018 recipient of the US Attorney General Award for Outstanding Volunteer, and voices Brandon on the comedy animated series, Discharged, which focuses on the struggles our veterans may face when they leave active duty and transition into civilian lifestyle. He medically retired from the army holding the rank of Staff Sergeant earning some military awards such as the Combat Infantryman Badge, Bronze Star and Purple Heart.

During the Veterans appreciation event, guests are invited to check out a Photographic Exhibit in the Undercroft at The Settlers Inn featuring over 80 images from 1965 and 1966 by: Stanton Pratt, former US Army Combat Photographer. The public is invited to view this self-guided exhibit November 9th through November 13th, 10am to 8pm.

Stanton R. Pratt, son of the late Gerald S. Pratt, Jr. and Ruth Stanton Pratt of Honesdale, enlisted in the US Army in September of 1964 planning to become an Army Photographer. He completed Basic Training at Fort Knox, KY followed by Photographic School at Fort Monmouth, NJ where he graduated first in his class. Following school, he was assigned to the 593rd. Signal Company, Photo Platoon based at Tan Son Nhut Airbase outside of Saigon. The next twelve months would see him serving with the 173rd. Airborne Brigade, 1st. Brigade of the 101st. Airborne Division, 1st. Air Calvary Division, as well as Australian, Korean, New Zealand and Vietnamese units. It wasn't all combat however as he also provided coverage for Bob Hope, Roy Acuff, Jo Collins, Vice President Hubert Humphry and other visiting

VIP's. Near the close of his tour in country, he had the privilege of becoming the official photographer for General Officers and, as such, worked with many of the commanders at that time.

Upon completion of his tour in Vietnam he returned to the Photographic School at Fort Monmouth, where for the next fourteen months, he taught photography to Army, Marine Corps, and NJ State Police Personnel.

Stanton resides in Honesdale with his wife Barbara and two of their children, Dana and Grant. Son Evan also lives in Honesdale. Son Nathan lives in Naples, FL and daughter Jennifer in Minneapolis, MN.

"We are thrilled to host this event for our Veterans as well as the free lodging on Nov. 12th. We hope it is a token of our appreciation for everything our Veterans do for this country to keep us free." Stated Justin Genzlinger, CEO/Owner of Settlers Hospitality.

To learn more about the event, check out SettlersHospitality.com or call 570.226.2993.

About Settlers Hospitality

Settlers Hospitality is a family run hospitality group in Hawley, PA consisting of The Settlers Inn, Ledges Hotel, Silver Birches Resort, Hotel Anthracite, Sayre Mansion, The Dock on Wallenpaupack, Glass-wine.bar.kitchen, Kol Steakhouse, Cocoon Coffeehouse, Lake Region Fitness, The Mill Market Bakery, & Art on the Edge.

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