

October ESA News

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Digging Deeper - Hope for Heroes National Event - November 7-14 - [Linda Welch](#), Hope for Heroes Chair

Veterans Day is just around the corner and I am hearing from a lot of chapters across the country. One chapter is planning a party for the families of service member being deployed. They will send off the soldiers and have a party (complete with Santa) for the kids after they leave. Others are helping with Christmas for families. Some are visiting wounded and recuperating soldiers in VA Hospitals. Another idea is to provide needed items to homeless veterans; they could use new socks, coats, blankets, etc. What a wonderful opportunity we have to thank our Heroes. I do believe this is going to be a project we enjoy doing for quite some time. Thanks to all who are working so hard to accomplish our goals.

Also as a reminder, please let [IC President Jamie Atchison](#), [ESA Headquarters](#) and me know what you are planning and how it turned out. We want to celebrate our success!

From Our International Council President - [Jamie Atchison](#)

"Success doesn't come to you... you go to it." Marva Collins

The key to success is to A.C.T. Accept responsibility, Commit to the plan, and Take off! I'm asking every chapter to A.C.T. by joint venturing with other community groups to hold a Hope for Heroes event during the week of November 7-14. We need to let the world know about ESA and our great programs, such as, Hope for Heroes, that we support. By making ESA known, we will have many more people to invite to join ESA and start new chapters. Please share your Hope of Heroes event plans on the ESA web site at www.esaintl.com > Member Center > Special Programs > Certified Volunteers of Excellence.

Can we do it? Yes, We CAN!

Things You Need to Know



- Hope for Heroes: An ESA National Event – November 7-14, 2009 - For more information contact [ESA Headquarters](#).

- Deadline for nominations for IC office is November 15, 2009 – For more information contact [Dora Dill](#), IC Nominating Chair.

- [Give thanks. Walks](#) are sponsored around the country again this year on November 21, 2009. Check with your state Circle of Life Coordinator for dates and locations in your area.

- St. Jude Memphis Marathon, Half Marathon, and Memphis Grizzlies 5K – December 5, 2009. Hotel rooms for the weekend are scarce. If you are planning

From International Headquarters - [Janna Firestone](#), Communications Director

Hope for Heroes information at your fingertips

Epsilon Sigma Alpha members and chapters across the country are excited as they gear up for Hope for Heroes: An ESA National Event. For news releases, local fliers, proclamations, and more resources, visit www.esaintl.com > Member Center > Special Programs > Hope for Heroes.

Share what you're doing... and see what others are doing

Members across the country are such a great source of ideas, tips, and experience. What is your chapter planning for Hope for Heroes? What have you learned in the world of technology? The Certified Volunteers of Excellence is just the forum you need to tell your story... and hear the stories of others. Visit www.esaintl.com > Member Center > Special Programs > Certified Volunteers of Excellence.

Membership Matters

Why... because we care!

Isn't that the perfect answer when the question is why do you belong to Epsilon Sigma Alpha and do all that you do? I can't imagine my life without ESA. Can you? The opportunities to share who we are and what we do are numerous. Now is the time to let those who aren't experiencing ESA to have the opportunity.

As you all know November 7-14, 2009 has been declared Hope for Heroes: An ESA National Event by IC President Jamie Atchison. By participating in this nationwide experience ESA event we will not only have the opportunity to thank our military and their families for all they have done and for what they continue to do for us but to establish a partnership with others in our communities. Once our communities see the good works and the good times that are going why wouldn't they want to be part of this wonderful organization we call Epsilon Sigma Alpha International? This is the opportunity to invite them.

For recruitment ideas and how to experience ESA visit www.esaintl.com > Member Center > Recruitment > Experience ESA.

Your IC membership team is here to help. Please do not hesitate to contact us.

Friends BELIEVE in your dreams as much as you do.

[Rickie Brown](#), IC Membership-Senior Chair

[Sherry Day](#), IC Membership-Junior Chair

[Tracy Swanson](#), ESA Headquarters, Membership Director

Circle of Life, [Barbara DuBois](#), IC Circle of Life-Junior Coordinator

There are many exciting activities going on in Epsilon Sigma Alpha for the kids of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. According to **Booked Event Forms**, states/chapters are playing Bunco, pulling the red wagon full of goodies, coordinating golf classics/tournaments, standing in the streets for

to attend, reserve yours soon. For more information on all of the events activities scheduled for this event, contact [Frankie McKay](#) or [Barbara DuBois](#).

- This is the year that our Bylaws and Standing Rules may be amended. According to Article XVIII and Standing Rule #30, "proposed amendments must be submitted to the IC Parliamentarian by January 1". If you have any questions, please contact IC Parliamentarian [Vicky Jones](#).

- Experience Epsilon Sigma Alpha's Annual Leadership Training Seminar February 4-7, 2010. Whether you currently hold an office or want to take the first step in trying something new, we hope you will seriously consider this opportunity to gain personal leadership skills and skills that will benefit the future of ESA. To learn more visit the [ESA web site](#).

- Save the date - 2010 IC Convention in Bloomington, MN, July 12-17, 2010, "Playin' in the Land Of Lakes" at the Sheraton Bloomington Hotel South Minneapolis (\$119 Single/Double - \$129 Triple - \$139 Quad)

roadblocks, wining and dining for life, selling mall charity tickets, revving up the motorcycles for a rally, preparing for a cruise-in, and boating for a bass tournament.

Completed Event Forms are reflecting some extraordinary fund raising including \$9,000 for a Classy Bag Affair, \$6,583 for a 5-K Race, and \$13,883 for a golf classic. Way to go ESA!

Team ESA is currently in 8th place by raising more than \$8,000 for the St. Jude Memphis Marathon Weekend. Yeah Team! Keep up the good work.

The [Give Thanks Walks](#) will be held around the country on November 21. If there is one in your area, this is a great chance for ESA to work with ALSAC/St. Jude and make these events a huge success. We can do it!

The kids of St. Jude are counting on all of ESA to “Believe” in what we do. They know we give from our hearts.

St. Jude Patient of the Month - When Craig and Katie became St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Partners In Hope® years ago, they never expected that one day they would need the hospital's services. But in the summer of 2008, their little son Sean was found to suffer from a brain tumor, and they knew St. Jude was the best place for his treatment. [Read more.](#)

TechKnow Tips and Tricks - [Judi Grefer](#)

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