

DSSAB supports local area soldier

OPP also lend their support

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Red Fridays! The Manitoulin-Sudbury District Social Services Administration Board will be honouring Canada's bravest by wearing red on Fridays.

DSSAB employee Greg Gilbert, who is also a member of the Irish Regiment of Canada out of Sudbury, made the request to the board at their Sept. 24 meeting.

"It's a way a lot of folks have been showing their support to our troops wherever they may be," said Gilbert.

He added that the red t-shirt is also to support the Home for a Hero project. Fundraising efforts are currently underway in the Sudbury area to help raise money to build a home for triple amputee Corporal Bill Kerr.

To date, over \$60,000 has been raised for the house which will cost an estimated \$300,000. This paper ran an detailed article about Kerr in their August 19 edition.

Local communities can also get involved by gathering pledges for Hike for a Hero scheduled to take place on October 4 in Sudbury.

In addition to wearing red, the DSSAB board has also agreed to donate \$500 to the cause.

For more information or to contribute to the project visit www.homeforahero.ca or call (705)222-HERO. The Ontario Provincial Police, Greater Sudbury Police Service and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, have partnered with Sudbury EMS, Manitoulin-Sudbury District Social Services Administration Board, Ministry of Transportation, Pioneer Construction and Tulloch Mechanical to support "Hike for a Hero", which will be held on Sunday, October 4 at 9:00 am.

Espanola OPP community services officer, Constable Michelle Coulombe, said the Major sponsors for the event are Dalron Homes, CTV, Kelly Lake Building Supplies, KICX 91.7 and PG Advertising and Design Inc.

"The event will take place on the north end of the new Highway 69 expansion, near the Pine Grove Golf Course," explained Coulombe. "Registration takes place at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, October 4 or register online at www.homeforahero.ca."

Cpl. Bill Kerr, a Sudbury soldier was critically injured on October 15, 2008 during his second tour of duty in Afghanistan.

"The injuries Cpl. Kerr sustained will leave him as Canada's only Afghanistan's veteran triple-amputee, having lost both his legs and left arm.

"The purpose of this event is to raise funds to assist with the cost of providing an accessible home for Cpl. Kerr and his family. Please join us in supporting Cpl. Bill Kerr and his family, the public is invited to come out and "Hike for a Hero"."

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