



HOMES FOR

RAISING MONEY FOR OUR INJURED VETERANS BY JOHN IMBODEN

OUR TROOPS



merican Shooting Centers in Houston (Texas) played host to the 4th Annual Houston sporting clays event benefitting the Homes for Our Troops organization January 28th and 29th. It's a national non-profit, non-partisan, charitable organization founded in 2004 to provide support for building accessible housing for severely injured service men and women. The Veterans Administration can provide a Specially Adapted Housing Grant for up to \$63,780 -Homes for Our Troops then bridges this with its donations to provide a home at no cost to the injured Serviceperson. Homes for Our Troops is a very efficient organization and returns 92% of the donations it receives to benefit the Serviceperson.

American Shooting Centers had a carnival like atmosphere for the two day event with a petting zoo and inflatable slides for the kids. For the big kids, the 6th Cavalry Historical Association pitched a Vietnam era encampment with some of their 'heavy iron'. The 6th also performed a mock helicopter troop

BELOW: CLAYSHOOTINGUSA TEAM – DAWN PATTERSON, CHRIS DEAR, LOUANN, FORD AND JUSTIN WAGNER.



insertion, utilizing a Huey, into a hot LZ held by some re-enactor North Vietnamese regular army troops. Representing World War II was General George S. Patton, old Blood and Guts, making an appearance with some inspiring words for the crowd. The Commemorative Air Force performed a missing man formation flyby with some of their vintage World War II aircraft. This is just a small portion of the

entertainment provided over two days.

At some point during this spectacle, a sporting clays tournament broke out. Title sponsors, Ralph and Shirley Alexander, were also helped by generous donations of money, time, and/or material from Energy Corporation of America, KBR,

Schlumberger, Boots & Coots, Halliburton and numerous others. Ed Arrighi and the staff of ASC ensured the 100 bird sporting course was up and running for the two flights of shooters per day over the course of the two days. The shoot was a non-registered 5 man team affair with individual Lewis Class format that saw almost 1,000 shooters participate over the two days. iClays provided the registration and scoring, and it

Plenty of fun was had by all and a lot of money was raised for a great cause.



looks like ASC will be the new permanent home for this shoot. Plenty of fun was had and the event raised over \$175,000 for a very worthy cause. ■ (www.homesforourtroops.org)

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