



## Americas Guardians Motorcycle Club Donates \$3,500 to Support the Service Dogs of Veterans & Others

*maCares, a North Carolina-based nonprofit, benefits from a memorial motorcycle ride to raise money to support the service dogs that are helping veterans and other people.*

**GREENSBORO, NC (October 3, 2017)** – On Saturday, September 23, 2017, Americas Guardians Motorcycle Club (AGMC) Chapter NC12A held a public Memorial Motorcycle Ride at the American Legion Post 87 in High Point, NC to honor the memory of Charles “Shellshock” Ladd. Charles was known as Shellshock to his motorcycle club, Americas Guardians, and to the maCares family as Chuck, as he and his service dog, NIKKI, were one of the first maCares-sponsored teams. Staff Sergeant Ladd served in the U.S. Army for 8 years, completing 2 combat tours in Iraq and 4 combat tours in Afghanistan. He was a Purple Heart recipient and received many other medals during his tenure in the military. Sadly, Chuck passed away on February 7, 2016.

The AGMC Memorial Motorcycle Ride was much more than just a ride, it was time to remember Charles Ladd and raise money to help service dog teams by lifting the financial burden of the service dog. The event consisted of a breakfast, shirt, and vendor sales before the ride. After the ride, participants enjoyed lunch and an exciting auction including sports memorabilia, gift cards, sport and entertainment passes, and more. The most cherished and popular auction item was a handmade quilt featuring Charles’ picture pieced by his mother, Rae Robinson, and quilted by Faye Carter.

On September 29, 2017 Americas Guardians Motorcycle Club presented maCares with a check for \$3,500 which will help relieve the financial burden of the service dog teams who are in the **maCares & faith Cares Service Dog Support Program**. This program empowers the person to focus on living a full and productive life with their service dog. The covered expenses include re-certification training, veterinary care, vaccinations, medications, grooming, daily care including food, and more.

Tyler "Bull" Hill, Vice President for Chapter NC12A of the Americas Guardians Motorcycle Club, shared how “very pleased with the amount of money raised that will go to changing someone’s life.” The Chapter NC12A of the Americas Guardians Motorcycle Club is currently in discussion for a 2018 Memorial Ride so be sure to check the maCares website for announcements.

Even though the event has passed, others can still help by purchasing an event t-shirt for \$15 or you can make a tax deductible monetary donation through [www.maCares.org](http://www.maCares.org) or other means of support by contacting [weCare@maCares.org](mailto:weCare@maCares.org). Your donation will help a veteran or civilian to be able to focus on their relationship with their service dog. Some of the ways the service dogs in the maCares & faith Cares Service Dog Support Program help their companions to more actively participate in life are by promoting independence, alerting to oncoming seizures or epileptic episodes, detecting blood sugar level changes, promoting balance and stability, retrieving dropped items, diverting attention during flashbacks, helping to cope with migraines, dizziness, anxiety, stress, nightmares, and simply by being a dependable, loyal, loving, and faithful friend.

To learn more about maCares’ events and giveback opportunities or to make a tax deductible monetary donation, please visit [www.maCares.org](http://www.maCares.org).