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THE 11TH ANNUAL TRIPLE B BOOTS, BAND, and BBQ to benefit Riding To The Top Therapeutic Riding Center (RTT) was a success for the Center's riders, horses, and programs, netting over \$165,000 for the second year in a row. Over 400 attendees enjoyed the delicious barbecue and danced to the live music of Under The Covers. Auctioneer Ailie Byers of Alpenglow Benefits led the event's unique

mission based auction, which included seven bids at the \$5,000 level.

The evening program included a tribute to RTT's 25-year anniversary at the end of 2018, a significant milestone in the field of equine assisted activities and therapies, and to some of the many individuals, businesses, and organizations that have been involved with the center. **E**

Washington International Horse Show Klinger Award

Presented to Baltimore Mounted Police Unit's Big D and Sergeant Russell Robar

Big D, a 16-year-old palomino Draft-Cross named in honor of fallen officer Forrest Edward "Dino" Taylor, and Sergeant Robar, leader of the Baltimore Police Mounted Unit, received the Washington International Horse Show (WIHS) Klinger Perpetual Award for Honor and Service sponsored by the EQUUS Foundation and the Stephens Family on Friday, October 26, 2018, in the center ring during the annual WIHS Military Night.

The award is presented annually to a horse, individual, or organization that best demonstrates the values of honor and service as embodied by Klinger, a special horse who has touched the lives of many in his life of service with the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) Caisson Platoon. **E**



Left to right: John E. Franzreb III, Klinger, Sergeant First Class Christopher Taffoya, Denise Quirk, Katherine Pinkard, Victoria Lowell, Emma Suarez-Murias, Sergeant Russel Robar, Big D, Officer John Potter, and Officer Eric Grove.



Charles Turnbaugh, aboard Nimble George, received the blue ribbon in the Assisted Walk-Trot Championship from Grand Prix rider Peter Lutz and Olympian Bezie Madden.

Therapeutic Champions Are Crowned

At the Pennsylvania
National Horse Show

THE THIRD PENNSYLVANIA National Horse Show Foundation Therapeutic Riding Championships were showcased as part of "Foundation Friday" at the show, held at the Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg, PA. Charles Turnbaugh on Nimble George from Cumberland County 4-H Boots and Hooves Equine Club won the Assisted class. Second place went to Ashlyn Noss on TZF Toby's Sandy from Leg Up Farm, and third place went to Richard Klingensmith on My Impressive Touch from Manito Life Center. The Unassisted class was won by Brianna Bevans on Zephyr from Pegasus Therapeutic Riding Academy. Second place went to Aiden Gill on My Impressive Touch from Manito Life Center, and in third place was Aaliyah Overton on TZF Toby's Sandy from Leg Up Farm. **E**

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