

Ret. Maj. Gen. Walters shares role in catching Bin Laden at Cameron Veterans Day ceremony

Shoot Like a Girl nears \$500,000 in donations to vets

The Cameron Community came out in force to thank area veterans for their service last Friday and Saturday.

While Veterans Day festivities got started a little early in Kidder with the Methodist Church providing quilts to more than a dozen servicemen and women, only last Saturday's ceremony inside the Cameron Missouri Veterans Home could eclipse the occasion.

Ret. Army Maj. Gen. Robert Walters served as the keynote speaker for Saturday's event, and provided his own war story to Cameron veterans regarding his role in the capture of Osama Bin Laden. While bringing down the world's most wanted terrorist, and the international subtleties of such an endeavor, Walters said the real work came after the job was done.

"I've been wanting to come here the last four years since I retired, and things just didn't work out. I finally got to come out today," said Ret. Maj. Gen. Robert Walters, who then shared his experience being part of the successful manhunt for the perpetrator of the deadliest terrorist attack in American history – Osama Bin Laden. "... Thank you for your serves to our country. You deserve this. Enjoy your Veterans Day. If it wasn't for you, then we wouldn't be here."

Only Neva Woody, Shoot Like a Girl founder, could top Walters' story. Woody donated \$65,000 in proceeds from this year's Shoot Like a Girl competitions. Since founding Shoot Like a Girl in 2011, Woody and volunteers at the Boot Hill Shooting Grounds raised nearly \$500,000 for the Cameron Veterans Assistance League, which provides a variety of quality-of-life enhancements for Cameron Missouri Veterans Home residents ranging from purchase computers to speak with distant family members to Chiefs and Royals tickets for weekend excursions. Woody said raising nearly have a million dollars for area vets would not have been possible without community support, specifically those who compete in Shoot Like a Girl year after year.

"Our motto for this year was 'No one fights alone. While that is true in the military – you have the person on your left, the person on your right and the person who has your 6 (back). It's also that way in life. We have volunteers, people who come out and shoot at the event and none of this would have been possible without those folks," Woody said.



Retired Maj. Gen. Robert Walters discusses his role in capturing Osama Bin Laden.

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Shoot Like A Girl Presentation of \$65000 to the Veteran's League. SLAG team (L to R, front row) Eric Peterson, Sandy Frakes, Neva Woody (President & Founder), Pam Shrewsbury (Urban Country Photos)
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