

Saddles In Service

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We are so excited to share our October Saddles in Service Newsletter. We are certain you will enjoy reading all of the happenings on the Ranch!

A Message From Tammy Our CEO



Random Horse Facts

Horses have exceptional vision!

The eyes of a horse are bigger than those of any other land mammal, and the fact that their eyes are located on the side of their heads means they can see almost 360°!



We are truly family!!!

September was definitely a month filled with mixed emotions for all of us at SIS. We started the month on high alert with fire season in full swing. The Valley Fire started just a few miles down the road from the Ranch and burned over 17,000 acres. We monitored the fire closely and made the decision to evacuate the horses before the Santa Ana winds rolled in. Many people jumped right in and offered to help us trailer the horses to an evacuation site. Our volunteers were amazing and all pulled together to make the evacuation seamless. Our trailer loading practice paid off as we had no problems loading the horses into the trailers. We were very proud of our volunteers and our horses! This experience did highlight the need for two more 4-horse stock trailers. If you, or someone you know, would like to help SIS in this way, please don't hesitate to reach out!

After returning to the ranch, we experienced tremendous heartbreak as we lost my horse, Romey. Romey was kicked by another horse and succumbed to his injuries. His loss has left a huge hole in my heart as well as everyone here at SIS. He was laid to rest here on the property next to my horse Ghost.

I want to thank everyone who brought flowers and beautiful gifts. I am forever thankful for everyone's kindness and love.

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Horse Spotlight

ROMEY



Rest In Peace our beloved Romey. Romey was one of those horses that caught your eye as soon as you saw him. He had beautiful blue eyes that were filled with love and trust. He was our “go to” horse and was always up to any task we put before him. I remember when he was going to work with a veteran who had Parkinson’s disease. The veteran took very slow steps and Romey kept in perfect step with his Hero. It brought tears to my eyes as I saw how wonderfully in tune Romey was with him. Romey was a true partner to Tammy on their long trail rides. He always took care of her and loved the time they spent together. He was always ready to get in the trailer and go on another adventure. His calming demeanor and love of everyone made him truly special and irreplaceable. He will truly be missed by all of us! We love you our sweet boy!



SIS Team Highlight

Kirby Tolch
CDR-Retired
Board Chairman

I have been part of Saddles In Service since its beginning. In November 2016, Tammy Oluvic, CEO, told me of her vision to start a program to provide a valued and much needed service to our Heroes and asked me to serve as Chairman of the Board. My history with the Oluvic family goes back to 1998, during my first duty station in

Hawaii; and I am proud to consider them both family and friends.

In July 2018, I retired from the U.S. Navy, following a 21-year military career spanning both operational and leadership experiences across Fleet, Joint, and Special Operational tours. Prior to my commissioning in the U.S. Navy, I earned my Masters in Zoology from Southern Illinois University Carbondale. Between my Naval service and my professional education, I felt that Saddles In Service would be a perfect fit after retirement. However, I did not realize how much SIS would impact my life.

Between October 2018 and April 2019, I spent over 100 days at the ranch. During this time, I not only witnessed first-hand the healing power of horses, but also personally benefitted from my time with SIS. I am self-admittedly not a horseman, but the horses have the innate ability to heal.

Along with being the Board Chairman at SIS, I have had the privilege of serving as the Vice President of Ranch Operations. The horses, the people, and the ranch atmosphere has changed my life and has helped me manage my PTSD. I am and always will be committed to Mike and Tammy as well as the SIS vision and mission to assist our Heroes. I consider myself lucky to be involved in every facet of SIS and to be considered a Hero, Volunteer, and friend and brother to many.



CALL TO ACTION!!

You have helped to make a difference at Saddles in Service.
Thank you!



On The Horizon...

SIS has some exciting events on the horizon that will provide opportunities for you to be involved in a wide variety of arenas.

Here at SIS, we completely understand the financial impact of the global pandemic and wanted to give everyone with a heart to help our Heroes and horses a way for them to be a part of what we do!

Click here to contribute: [DONATE](#)



There will be a variety of opportunities in the coming weeks to donate to SIS as well as other ways to help. In the meantime, the list to the right is a great place to start!

SIS Wish List

Want to do more?

The items below can be purchased/donated and allow us to continue to help our Heroes!!

- **2 4-Horse Stock Trailers** 
- Leather Tools and Supplies
- Ranch Roping Equipment
- Knives
- Camping Equipment
- Sleeping Bags
- Tents
- Garmin In-Reach GPS
- Riding Gloves (all sizes)
- Sunscreen
- Food, Drinks & Water
- Saddle Bags
- Custom Saddles
- Training Sticks
- Training Lunge Lines
- Training Halters (incl. Draft Sizes)
- Fly Masks
- Feed Bags
- Split Reins
- EquiVibe Plate
- Heel-O-Matic "The Trainer"
- 5 Apple Computers
- Business Quality Printer
- Two 8-Horse Mare Motels
- Bobcat
- Covered Area/Building
- 2 Diesel Duallies
- Tractor
- Quad
- Magna Wave PEMF Machine
- 4+ Seat ATV Transporter

See our [website](#) for other ways to help SIS or to sponsor a horse!



Saddle Talk

Check out our new video series on the Saddles In Service YouTube channel. You can find us here: [Saddles In Service](#) Tammy and members of the SIS team will get together and discuss any and all topics related to our program. Tips will also be provided on how to make your own private world #RanchyAF

Social Media

Help us spread the word about Saddles In Service!!

Know a Hero? Send them our way! Have horse experience and want to give back to our Heroes? We would love to meet you!

Help us reach our goal of **6,000 Instagram followers and 40,000 Facebook followers** by the end of October!



We would love to hear from you!

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