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Okaloosa Employee Wes Fields Recognized as Red, White & Blue Hero

Okaloosa County employee Wes Fields was recognized as this week's Red, White and Blue Hero by The Emerald Grande, the City of Destin, Okaloosa County Commissioners and Highway 98 Country (radio), for his life-long commitment to the military, specifically his volunteer service to the Doolittle Raiders, as their security manager for 12 years. Fields works as the Emerald Coast Convention Center Security Manager; however, he escorted Doolittle Raider MSgt Ed Horton until he passed away, all over the country and often escorted Medal of Honor Recipient and Prisoner of War, Col. George "Bud" Day, until his passing. He has stood by the side of many WWII Veterans escorting these heroes to events across the USA and world.

"It is with great pride that we recognize Wes for his service to his country, as a 24-year veteran, and to his community," said Chairman Don Amunds, Okaloosa County Commissioners. Wes Fields is one of the honored recipients of the Doolittle Raiders sacred Doolittle Raider's Crest. The Doolittle Crest is a Badge of Valor that unites all of the Doolittle Raiders with a unique insignia commemorating their historical mission on Tokyo, Japan during WWII.

To watch the video, visit countyOkaloosaTV on Youtube or follow this link:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y1K4fO52Vh4&feature=c4-overview&list=UUUnIxiXE6RR5NLo9b58VfVQ>

The Emerald Grande at HarborWalk Village celebrates hometown heroes by giving them the ceremony of a lifetime, complete with an honorary award, a WWII vintage plane air show, live entertainment, and a spectacular fireworks display over the Destin Harbor.

Sponsored by Coca Cola, Big Kahuna's Miller Lite and Jim Beam To nominate a local hero, please submit a brief video to the HarborWalk Village Facebook page explaining why your nominee deserves the award.

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