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WALLED LAKE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
PRESENTS THE 3RD ANNUAL
“BILL COMPTON SUPPORT OUR TROOPS 5K RUN”

WALLED LAKE, MI, April 29, 2011 – The Walled Lake Downtown Development Authority (DDA) will hold its third annual “Bill Compton Support Our Troops 5K Run and 1M Fun Walk” on Memorial weekend on Sunday, May 29, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. Named in memory of Bill Compton, a highly decorated WWII veteran and long-time resident of Walled Lake, this event is a fundraiser for two military charities; Operation Hug-A-Hero and the Fallen and Wounded Soldiers Fund.

“Operation Hug-A-Hero is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that supports the children of America’s heroes who serve in our armed forces, law enforcement, otherwise in support of our nation’s homeland security, or who have fallen in the line of duty. The mission of Operation Hug-A-Hero is to help comfort the children of our American Heroes working valiantly in support of our nation's homeland security by providing them with a free Hug-A-Hero doll.”

“The primary purpose of the Fallen and Wounded Soldiers Fund (FWSF) is to help those veterans in Michigan who return from the Iraq and Afghanistan campaigns and find themselves in need of support and assistance.”

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The Walled Lake DDA is inviting everyone to come out and enjoy a run or walk along the shores of Walled Lake, while showing their support for our military personnel and their families. The Support Our Troops 5K Run will begin with a grand opening celebration that includes an Honor Guard flag raising ceremony and the national anthem performed by local singer Gracie Jessup. All runners and walkers will enjoy a healthy brunch after the event provided by Uptown Grille and Great Harvest Bread in Commerce Township.

This event is made possible through generous sponsorships of local businesses and non-profit organizations including: the U.S. Army; VFW Oakland County Council, Wixom, Oxbow and South Lyon Post; Shuman Chrysler Jeep; Bazonzoes; Convenient Dental Care; Citizens Bank; Copper Mug; Husky Envelope; Modern Floors; Casey's Irish Pub & Sushi Bar; Eagle Graphics and Li'l Nel's Pet Salon and Doggy Daycare.

The Walled Lake Downtown Development Authority, was created in 1990 to ensure the ongoing growth and improvement of Downtown Walled Lake. Downtown Walled Lake is an Oakland County Main Street Community, a program developed to revitalize Oakland County Downtowns and preserve a sense of place. The DDA area encompasses the city's commercial district and is home to over 160 businesses. The DDA is responsible for business recruitment, retention and marketing the downtown.

For more information about the Walled Lake DDA and their events go to www.DowntownWalledLake.org or contact DDA Executive Director Charlene Long at 248-926-9004, email charleneklong@att.net.

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