LA Kings Honor Military Members in Salute to Service Game

The entire organization and their fans came together to raise funds, donate tickets and recognize servicemen and women within the community

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On Tuesday, the LA Kings celebrated military members during the annual Salute to Service Game presented by BELFOR Property Restoration.

The game was an inspiring example of the kindness of Kings fans, and highlighted the heroes within our community.

Kings fans showed their generosity by donating money in support of the Hockey for Heroes Program, an initiative to bring local servicemen and women to Kings games. Their donations amounted in over 6,000 tickets being donated to local military members and their families.
US Coast Guard Petty Officer 2nd Class Mike Dalager sang the national anthem before the Kings honored longtime fan and Hero of the Game, US Army Green Beret Sergeant 1st Class Joe Lowrey.
While serving his third military deployment in Afghanistan with the 7th Special Forces Group, Lowrey sustained a gunshot wound to the head. Lowrey was given a small chance of survival by doctors, but defied the odds.

He woke up from a coma with a full memory and fought through a tough rehabilitation period to rejoin his wife and four kids at home.

During the game, players' wives and girlfriends threw a Kings-themed baby shower for over 40 expectant military couples in a catered and decorated suite complete with gifts.
Then, 24 soldiers were enthusiastically cheered on by fans as they took a public Oath of Enlistment on ice during an intermission.

On the concourse, over 1,500 fans, players and staff wrote Thank You cards to servicemen and women.
The Kings Care Foundation hosted a special Salute to Service auction which featured themed jerseys and raised over $17,500 to benefit the team's charitable partners.

In recognition of the tremendous generosity of the entire Kings community, the Kings will spend World Kindness Day, as well as the days that follow, building off the generosity displayed around Veteran's Day celebrations.
The Kings will host servicemen and women and their families all month long at Kings games and will continue to recognize the kindness of the Kings community with respect to the United States Armed Forces on social media with the hashtag #LAKindness.

Show your support all month long through Hockey for Heroes!