

North Louisiana Chapter of the Federal Bar Association Raises \$10,000 for Wounded Warrior Project

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Hon. Mark Hornsby was born and raised in Crowley, Louisiana. He graduated Order of the Coif from Louisiana State University Law School in 1988 and is a member of the LSU Law School Hall of Fame. He served as law clerk for Chief Judge Tom Stagg in Shreveport from 1988–90. He was appointed U.S. magistrate judge for the Western District of Louisiana, Shreveport Division, in 2005.

On Oct. 2, 2015, the North Louisiana Chapter of the Federal Bar Association hosted its third annual sporting clays fundraiser. Past chapter president and fundraising chair Scott Chafin Jr. came up with the idea for a clay shoot fundraiser a few years ago.

Participants in the popular outdoor activity use shotguns to attempt to break two simultaneously launched clay targets. Shooters move through several stations, each of which presents a different challenge.

Dozer Reed, an Iraq War veteran and peer mentor with the Wounded Warrior Project (WWP), was a special guest and speaker at the event. Reed spoke passionately about WWP and how it helped him recover from his injuries. “I don’t do this just for me,” Dozer said. “I know what it’s like to be by yourself. It takes an entire community to heal a warrior—family, friends, and all the people who are around on a daily basis.

You’ve got to cling to that hope and move forward.”

The event raised \$10,000 for WWP with 90 shooters and brought together more than 30 volunteers from Barksdale Air Force Base and the legal community.

The North Louisiana Chapter was organized in 2008 by U.S. District Judge S. Maurice Hicks and U.S. Magistrate Judge Mark Hornsby. The local chapter was established to improve the dialogue between the community, local lawyers, and federal judges.

Each December, the chapter hosts a swearing-in ceremony in Shreveport to give new lawyers an opportunity to be formally introduced to the court by a law partner, mentor, or other member of the bar. Applicants can be sworn in to any or all of the federal courts in Louisiana, including the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, Eastern District of Louisiana, Middle District of Louisiana, and Western District of Louisiana. ☉



U.S. District Judge S. Maurice Hicks, Jr. (far left), Wounded Warrior Project mentor Dozer Reed (front right), and fundraising chair Scott Chafin, Jr. (far right) pose with members of the winning team.