

Michael Late Benedum Chapter of the AAPL raises over \$22,000 for West Virginia Veterans

Over 150 people attended the third annual MLBC Veterans Charity Clay Shoot in support of the West Virginia University College of Law Veterans Assistance Clinic, which provides free legal help to West Virginia Veterans. The Charity Clay Shoot, Dinner and Auction, which took place October 6, 2017 at Hunting Hills in Dilliner, Pennsylvania raised over \$22,000 through ticket sales, sponsorships and auction item sales, making it the most successful in the three-year history of the event.

Critical to the success of the event was the support that the event received from the oil and gas community. Twenty-seven oil and gas companies and service providers pledged between \$500 and \$1500 each to sponsor the charity event. Anthony Romeo, founder of the shoot, who is a veteran and employee at Arsenal Resources, said, "I'm very humbled by the support but I'm not surprised at all. We are surrounded by great people that show up and support worthy causes such as the WVU Veterans Law Clinic. A huge thank you to everyone that was able to make it to the shoot, to our sponsors, and to the volunteers that make it all happen behind the scenes."

Individuals and companies also donated items, which were then auctioned off to raise additional funds. Pittsburgh Penguins box seats, Mountaineer basketball floor seats, a yeti cooler full of craft beer, and a smoker were just a few of the items auctioned off by Wayne Yoder and Andrew Yoder from Kaufman Auctions and Realty.

Michael Kalany, event volunteer, WVU law school graduate, fellow Veteran and employee at EQT Production Company, had the following remark, "Everyone I've spoken with since the event has said what a great time they had at this year's event. I look forward to helping Anthony make the fourth annual Clay Shoot even bigger and better. See everyone next year!"

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ABOUT THE WEST VIRGINIA COLLEGE OF LAW VETERANS ADVOCACY CLINIC

There are approximately 170,000 veterans that currently reside in the state of West Virginia, many with acute and unique legal needs related to their military service or return to civilian life. In the Veterans Advocacy Clinic (VAC), students will have the opportunity to represent West Virginia veterans in litigation before administrative agencies and courts, on benefits, discharge upgrades, employment claims and other civil and criminal matters. In addition, students will represent local and national organizations in non-litigation matters relating to the legal needs of veterans, including regulatory and legislative reform efforts, media advocacy, and strategic planning. Under Professor Oliva's leadership, the VAC has begun working with terrific partners to develop new projects aimed at expanding legal services to West Virginia veterans. For more information, visit: <https://www.law.wvu.edu/clinical-law/veterans-advocacy>

ABOUT THE MICHAEL LATE BENEDUM CHAPTER OF THE AAPL

On July 17, 1959, fifteen landmen held a luncheon in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania for the purpose of organizing a Pittsburgh Chapter of the American Association of Professional Landmen. The new chapter was named in honor of the area's most famous landman, Michael Late Benedum. Today the Michael Late Benedum Chapter of the AAPL is a dynamic organization representing over 1,500 members throughout the Appalachian Basin's Northern and Central Regions. The MLBC serves as a guiding resource to support the region's land professionals as they navigate their careers in a rapidly expanding and ever evolving industry. Particular emphasis is placed on maintaining the highest ethical standards, providing relevant educational opportunities, social networking and contributing to the needs of our community through annual charity events. For more information, visit: <https://mlbc-aapl.org/>

