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MINNESOTA WIRE HOSTS 3rd ANNUAL EAU CLAIRE VETERANS DAY EVENT

Eau Claire – 11/11/10 – The 3rd annual *“Eau Claire Veterans Day BBQ 2010 – Serving Freedom’s Finest,”* held at Minnesota Wire’s production facility in Eau Claire, Wisconsin drew over 400 people on Veterans Day. The event raised funds for the Chippewa Falls Veterans Assistance Program (VAP) and the local Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Unmet Needs Program. The keynote speaker was Captain Timothy Boehnen, U.S. Army, Commander, 273rd Sapper Company, Wisconsin Army National Guard. The Captain’s remarks focused on the pride that he and his unit have in serving the nation, most recently during a deployment to the Iraq combat theater.

The afternoon event also included: a colors ceremony and dedication; remarks from Wisconsin Congressman Ron Kind (WI-3rd); music from the Eau Claire Memorial High School Madrigal Singers and the 451st Army Band based at Fort Snelling, Minnesota (photo below); a free BBQ and large prize raffle; military static displays from the 128th Infantry Battalion, Wisconsin Army National Guard, and 397th Engineer Battalion, 88th Regional Support Command; corporate, government and Veteran support organization display booths; and tours of Minnesota Wire’s defense-related product lines. Minnesota Wire – Eau Claire was also presented with the *“Champions of Defense”* award from the Defense Alliance (the region’s defense industry network) for its sustained support for Veterans and national defense industry issues. The award was accepted by Brian Wagner, Minnesota Wire – Eau Claire General Manager.

As the principal organizer, Minnesota Wire – Eau Claire joined with the Department of Veterans Affairs, Chippewa Falls VAP, Eau Claire Chamber of Commerce, and numerous corporate sponsors to make the event a success. The 4th Annual Veteran’s Day BBQ will be held in Eau Claire on Veterans Day 2011.



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