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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **ROTC Scholarship Established in Memory of Captain Andrew Koss**

**November 3, 2015-** The Lock Haven University Foundation is pleased to announce a new ROTC scholarship, established on October 19, 2015. The Captain Andrew Koss LHU ROTC Memorial Scholarship was created to honor the memory of Captain Andrew Koss and to aid in his legacy of educating ROTC men and women.

Captain Andrew Koss was an Armor Calvary Officer who was raised in Woolrich, PA and graduated from Lock Haven High School in 1998. While attending Slippery Rock University, Captain Koss was a three year scholarship winner in the ROTC program. Koss’ first deployment was with the 172<sup>nd</sup> Striker Combat Team in Mosul, Iraq. He served two more tours, first in Baghdad with the 4<sup>th</sup> Squadron 14<sup>th</sup> Calvary, and then in Afghanistan with the 48<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade stationed out of Camp Phoenix. Captain Koss was awarded the Bronze Star along with countless other awards as he served defending the United States of America.

The scholarship will directly benefit students of Lock Haven University’s Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (ROTC) program. It will be awarded to a full time student enrolled and participating in ROTC who has completed Military Science 1 and is entering Military Science 2, and has an Army Physical Fitness score of 250 or higher.

This past summer the LHU ROTC and The Captain Andrew Koss Scholarship Committee chaired by Patrick Guerriero and made up of Gail Nestlerode, Von Wise, Seth Kleinle, Tony Koss, Gio Montarsi, and Alison Parker held an event to raise money for the memorial scholarship. The Captain Andrew Koss Memorial LHU ROTC Scholarship Fund Golf event was held on July 10, 2015. Through generous sponsorships, donations and participants, the event raised \$21,920 towards the scholarship fund. As the event coordinator, Guerriero had hoped to have at least 15 foursomes participate in the tournament. On the day of the tournament, there were 23 foursomes registered. Guerriero had this to say about the tournament: “It was a tremendous event. From the opening ceremonies (and I have to commend Terry Banfill and his group) to the golf event itself and the sponsors who decided to get involved in a big way, it was just an awesome day. I cannot give enough credit to the other committee members. All of them worked very hard to make this event special. I was honored to be able to be a small part of honoring an American Hometown Hero!”

The establishment of the Captain Andrew Koss LHU ROTC Memorial Scholarship will give ROTC cadets the opportunity to receive an affordable education, and those that knew Captain Andrew Koss believe that is something he would be very proud to have in his memory.

For more information on Lock Haven University, visit [www.LHUP.edu](http://www.LHUP.edu), email [admissions@LHUP.edu](mailto:admissions@LHUP.edu), or call (570) 484.2011.

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