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SECOND ANNUAL IRISH COCKTAIL RECEPTION

SALAMANDER RESORT, PHOTOS BY ALAN SCHLAIFER, ELITE IMAGES.

On Feb. 28, renowned Irish tenor and PBS superstar Anthony Kearns kicked off the Irish season at the second annual Irish-inspired cocktail reception to support U.S. military families at Middleburg's luxurious Salamander Resort and Spa. Kearns, who hails from County Wexford, Ireland, sang two sets at the musical reception which shined a light on two national Virginia non-profit charities supporting military families.

Featuring delightful wines from Greenhill Winery and Vineyards, owned by Air Force veteran David Greenhill and Irish-inspired cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and specialty desserts, the cocktail reception was co-chaired by Virginia's former First Lady Susan Allen and Martha-Ann Alito, both daughters of military fathers, with Larry Michael, the voice of the Washington Redskins, serving as Master of Ceremonies.

VIP guests included former Gov. George Allen, president of The Washington Redskins Bruce Allen, Rep. Barbara Comstock, state Delegate Tom Rust and his wife, Anne Rust, representative for Senator Mark Warner, Fox News Anchor Shannon Bream, and top military brass including Col. James B. Hickey and Vice Admiral Tony Less. Also attending were former U.S. Army Captain Jaspn Boothe, founder of Final Salute, Inc., who told her story of helping homeless female combat vets to PEOPLE Magazine and Oprah Winfrey; and Linda Davidson, co-founder and executive director of Our Military Kids.

"Salamander Resort & Spa was honored to co-host this powerful event featuring Anthony Kearns, one of the world's most beloved tenors, to recognize the work of our military," said Reggie Cooper, General Manager of Salamander Resort. "It was an evening of breathtaking music and fine food, and we're proud to be a part of its creation."

The evening supported Our Military Kids, a McLean, Virginia-based charity that supports military families including those war wounded. "Their needs are so often overlooked," said Davidson.

Kearns, now a resident of the U.S., has become a favorite among top American military, government and entertainment circles. In 2014, he was a featured guest entertainer for PBS' National Memorial Day Concert, and in 2013, he was a guest of General Martin Dempsey, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, at a tribute to Medal of Honor recipients. Kearns also performed at the Friends of Ireland lunch hosted by Speaker John Boehner for President Barack Obama and other dignitaries.

In 2012, he headlined the Veterans Day Special with American Idol winner Ruben Studdard and the U.S. Air Force Band on Maryland Public Television. Recently he sang at the World War II Memorial to honor America's "Greatest Generation" and at the 137th Preakness.



TENOR ANTHONY KEARNS WITH ACCOMPANIST JON LAIRD



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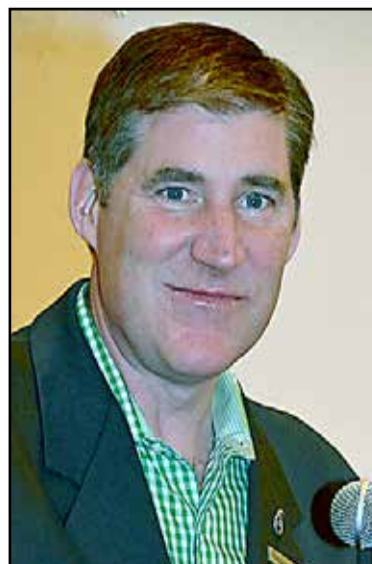
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