

# Leslie's Distinguished Service Award 2016

Seven years ago one of our members started something small to raise money for cancer research. It started with a one shot match and a couple of collection jars. Soon teams did away with their one shot match and just sold the cancer one-shot target.

To the amazement of many we raised \$1000. The money was donated to the Virginia Relay for Life. That year was 2009.

In 2010 we raised another \$1000 and the money was donated to the North Carolina Relay for life.

In 2011 we raised \$1800 and the money was split evenly and donated to the Cancer Treatment Center of America and Sloan-Kittering Hospital.

2012 we held a cancer skirmish with all the profits of \$5000 sent to Kings Daughters of Va and St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

2013, \$6000 was raised and money was sent to Va Relay for Life, St. Jude's Children's Hospital and Sloan Kittering Hospital. Several large donations also helped increase the amount.

2014, \$8000 was raised and distributed to NC Relay for life, St. Jude's, Sloan-Kittering Research Hospital.

2015, \$10,000 was raised and donated to St. Jude Children Research Hospital, Sloan-Kettering Cancer Research Hospital, Children Hospital of King's Daughter Huntsman Cancer Institute

In those short 7 years the region with 450 members has donated \$32,000 cancer research.

Were it not for the vision and determination of Leslie Hardison of the 3<sup>rd</sup> NC Cavalry none of this would have happened. Leslie has donated much of his time and own money to make this happen. The Tidewater Region is indebted to Leslie for all his effort and to show our appreciation he is being awarded the Tidewater Region Distinguished Service Award by Commander Linwood McMahon.

