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Justin Lansford has been named the honoree and beneficiary for this year's 3rd annual Soldiers Florida Charity Lacrosse Tournament, hosted by Cardinal Mooney Catholic High School.

Justin proudly served in the US Army from 2009 – 2013 as a rifleman assigned to 1st Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division. His service included deployments in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. On April 23, 2012, Justin was severely injured when a roadside bomb struck the truck that he was in. The truck flipped over completely and Lansford was crushed underneath. He was trapped under the burning truck for over 30 minutes before they were able to lift the truck and have him medivacked. Justin suffered the loss of his left leg above the knee, crush injuries to his right leg, a ruptured spleen, damage to his liver and pancreas, two collapsed lungs, a broken back, and burns to his right arm among other injuries. While recovering at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Justin suffered several severe infections. After four months of inpatient care, Justin had fought off the infections, and was released to outpatient treatment. He continued physical therapy for almost another two years.

Justin and his wife, Carol, are in leadership roles for Valor Service Dogs, a nonprofit organization placing mobility assistance and PTSD service dogs with wounded veterans and first responders nationwide. Justin resides in Manatee County and attends the University of South Florida in pursuit of a bachelor's degree in Nursing.

This year's event will be held March 20–21, with teams participating from Cardinal Mooney Catholic HS, Riverview HS (Sarasota), St. Edwards School (Vero Beach), and Melbourne Central Catholic HS. This year's event will also include two girls' teams to the lineup, Cardinal Mooney HS and Riverview HS (Sarasota). Fully affiliated with Sticks for Soldiers CT, this two-day event has raised over \$35k in two years for selected local wounded veterans.

Sticks for Soldiers is a fully registered 501(c)(3) entity, 100% volunteer organization which has raised over \$1 million for severely wounded veterans since its inception in 2006. All donations are fully tax deductible.

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