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**FOR THE SECOND YEAR IN A ROW,  
LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS COME TOGETHER TO SUPPORT MILITARY FAMILIES:**

**WKNR SPORTS RADIO PERSONALITY TONY RIZZO TO EMCEE  
2012 BREAK-A-THON CHARITY EVENT**

MEDINA, Ohio – October 9, 2012 – Kim’s College of Martial Arts invites the community to join in on the fun at the 2012 Break-A-Thon to benefit the families of Medina-based Ohio National Guard units. Break-A-Thon will be held at Medina High School gymnasium on Saturday, November 10, 2012 at 5:30 PM. WKNR 850AM radio host Tony Rizzo will serve as emcee.

About 150 students from Kim’s College of Martial Arts will showcase their martial arts skills by breaking boards, and each student will earn pledge money for every board broken during the event. All money raised will be donated to help family members of Ohio National Guard Company G237 BSB and 212<sup>th</sup> SMC as they welcome home troops who were deployed to Afghanistan last year.

This is the second year in a row that Kim’s College of Martial Arts has teamed up with the Northeast Ohio Foundation for Patriotism (NEOPAT) to sponsor the Break-A-Thon charity event. In 2011, the two organizations raised more than \$10,000.00 that went to providing food, holiday gifts, basic and emergency assistance for needy military families.

“The main goal at NEOPAT is to make people aware of just how many Northeast Ohio residents make tremendous sacrifices for our country,” said Michael Swallow, President of NEOPAT. “So we’re both pleased and excited to help organize and promote an event where the community can get together to show support for the patriots who live in their own back yard.”

Break-A-Thon is designed to be an interactive, family-friendly event. Martial arts Grandmasters from around the nation will exhibit Taekwondo, swordsmanship and self-defense skills. Attendees will even be invited to try their hand at breaking a board with guidance from experts at Kim's College of Martial Arts. Putt-putt golf and a bouncer add to the fun.

"We are honored to serve those who voluntarily serve our country by supporting their families through this year's exhibition," said Grandmaster Duk San: Sung H. Kim, founder of Kim's College of Martial Arts.

Admission to the event is free. Donations are welcome.

For information on the 2012 Break-A-Thon, contact George Gordon of Kim's College of Martial Arts at (330) 723-7949 or email [medina@kimscollegeofmartialarts.com](mailto:medina@kimscollegeofmartialarts.com).

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## **ABOUT NEOPAT**

The Northeast Ohio Foundation for Patriotism (NEOPAT) is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization created to support, honor and inspire acts of patriotism throughout Northeast Ohio.

Our mission is to assist Northeast Ohio military personnel and their families by working to alleviate the sacrifices they make for our freedom. Fundraising efforts are focused on supporting basic, emergency, health and communication needs.

NEOPAT is also dedicated to conducting and promoting events that will deepen the sense of patriotism in our community. By encouraging non-military individuals and families to share their time, talents and finances to benefit local patriots, and by creating interaction opportunities between civilian and military families, NEOPAT can highlight the importance of patriotism for generations to come.

To learn more about NEOPAT, visit [www.neopat.org](http://www.neopat.org).