

**MISSOURI PAINT HORSE CLUB
"HONORS THE SACRIFICE" AND SUPPORTED
THE WOUNDED WARRIORS PROJECT**

The Wounded Warriors Project is the recipient of \$500 as a result of an intense bidding competition between Butch Maxwell and Kim Garrett at the recent Missouri Paint Horse Club banquet, Saturday, January 14. Called "Freedom," the uniquely designed portrait with caption was donated by Clay and Betty Gant, owners of Cowboy Bronze, on behalf of a newly formed group of up and coming artists, Western Artists For Others. The rendering is of a tearing horse and done by Joni of Joni's Ponies. The caption verse was written by Aubrey Falkner. Clay, Joni and Aubrey are members of this new artists' group.

Butch Maxwell was the high bidder with Kim Garrett close behind. This Project has a special personal meaning for Kim since her son Mark is a deployed Marine and will be heading to his new assignment in Afghanistan in March.

This is not the first time the Missouri Paint Horse Club has touched the Wounded Warriors Project. A memorial contribution was made to the WWP per Annetta Duggan's request upon the death of her mother, Catherine.

Founded in 2003, WWP's purpose is to raise awareness and enlist the public's aid for the needs of injured service members, to help injured service members aid and assist each other, and to provide unique, direct programs and services to meet their needs.

A special thanks to those artists who created this portrait, to Western Artists For Others, to Clay and Betty Gant and especially to the two bidders, Butch Maxwell and Kim Garrett whose unselfish generosity made this contribution happen.