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**American Red Cross to Honor Nicholas Xiarhos of Yarmouth at its  
8th Annual Heroes Breakfast on March 4th**

***Tickets and Sponsorships Now Available at [www.cciredcross.org](http://www.cciredcross.org)***

Hyannis, Mass, January 31, 2010 - The American Red Cross, Cape Cod and Islands Chapter will honor Nicholas Xiarhos of Yarmouth as a Military Combat Hero at its 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Heroes Breakfast on Thursday, March 4, 2010 at the Resort and Conference Center at Hyannis, MA from 7:00-9:00 A.M. Tickets and Sponsorships are available via [www.cciredcross.org](http://www.cciredcross.org) or by calling (508) 775-1540 or by email at [heroes@cciredcross.org](mailto:heroes@cciredcross.org)

Nicholas Xiarhos , a native of Yarmouth, gave his life for the freedom and love of others. As a United States Marine Infantryman, he fought bravely in Iraq in 2008 and again in Afghanistan in 2009.

At the end of a combat mission Nick volunteered to respond to a call for help for a brother marine stuck in the middle of the desert in Garmsir, Afghanistan. As the truck commander, Nick's heavily armored Humvee rolled over a land mine and exploded. The driver was killed instantly and three other marines injured. Nick fought bravely for his life but was unable to survive his massive injuries.

Nick was a 21-year old who fought bravely for the freedom of his family and friends as well as his community and country. He also fought for the people of Iraq and Afghanistan and most importantly for his brother combat Marines and Sailors.

The Red Cross touches lives in our community every day through programs and services such as disaster relief and health and safety training. As an organization committed to helping the community and serving the Armed Forces, the Red Cross salutes those who make a difference through their actions at its 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Red Cross Heroes Breakfast.

To honor those who gave their life for our freedom, the nominating committee decided to add this special Military Combat Hero category.

Tickets are available online at [cciredcross.org](http://cciredcross.org) or can be obtained by calling toll-free (508) 775-1540, ext. 21. Different levels of sponsorship are also available. You can write to: American Red Cross, Cape Cod and Islands Chapter, 286 South Street, Hyannis MA 02601 or send an email to [heroes@cciredcross.org](mailto:heroes@cciredcross.org).

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