



Group Raises \$15K So Veterans Can Go Fishing



Fishing on the St. Lawrence River is something many veterans in the North Country have never done.

But thanks to a donation from the 1000 Islands Harbor Hotel in Clayton, it's now a possibility.

The hotel donated proceeds from its annual Fire and Ice Bar to North Country Troopers Assisting Troops.

That money will go to the group's fishing trip in September, which gives 100 veterans the chance to reel in a big catch.

"To be able to bring a little bit of happiness to the soldiers and to really, for our purposes, show respect for them, and to show thanks for them, for a job well done," said Michael Pastuf of North Country Troopers Assisting Troops.

"To see them raise up a fish that they caught is really awesome and to be able see it here in the St. Lawrence River is even a bonus," said Todd Buchko, hotel general manager.

The check presented was for \$15,000.