

LASIK for a Local Hero Contest
Essay Letter

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I Thank You for providing this fantastic gift for one of our local Heroes !!

The Lasik procedure would be very helpful for me since I have worn contacts for over 20yrs now. I have been looking at doing this surgery for a while now and it would be an honor to be chosen.

I have been in law enforcement for 18yrs now total and was also a vol FF for 8yrs as well. I am also prior USAF from 81-85.

The procedure would help me greatly since we work 12hr shifts and by the time I get home my eyes are very tired and the contacts are begging to get out. I do not wear my glasses for work since I feel that it could be an officer safety issue if they got knocked off for any reason. I am using reading glasses now, as I am sure I would still need them afterwards, but that is OK since my distance sight is more important to me.

I know one of the questions was "Were any awards or honors received on the job or through the community? ". I am honored to have gotten several awards and Deputy of the Month, but for me the job is more than that to be honest. I am doing this because this is what home environment I grew up in. Family, God, Country, Job, Others.

My father was an officer and two other brothers were also military, as well as 2 of my nephews.

I have a very supportive wife and family that know this is what job I have chosen and I understand the risks with it as well. I can simple say I am not worried since it is not my plan, it is HIS.

This procedure would greatly add to my way of life and the simple ease of not putting contacts in every day for work, since I do not wear them while I am off to give my eyes a break.

I also serve proudly in a volunteer basis as the Security Detail during the twice yearly Warrior Beach Retreat. I am with the combat wounded veterans and their spouses/caregivers for the entire time they are here, to make sure they feel safe and to provide a police escort to the functions and meals they have on a daily basis. I am also Honored to be able to lead them in the parade that is given in their honor by our fantastic community !!

I have been a client at The Eye Center for quite a while and the staff have always been fantastic !!

Thank You for taking the time to read all of these entries and hopefully I hear from you soon !!

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