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## **Love and war: Operation Enduring Love**

LAFAYETTE, LA – Betrothed members of an Iraq-bound Louisiana National Guard will get to the church on time after all, as businesses rally around the troops in a gesture for love, marriage and country.

Orders for the 256<sup>th</sup> Brigade's upcoming deployment to Iraq are, as expected, disruptive enough. But the imposition is compounded for engaged couples whose scheduled weddings now fall during the deployment.

Merilyn Crain heard that some members of the 256<sup>th</sup> weren't going to see any of their planning and deposits lead to a wedding – or if so, at double the expense due to rescheduling, etc. – so she had an idea and called it: Operation Enduring Love.

Crain, owner of L'Eglise, an old church restored for weddings and gatherings in the small community of LeBlanc, has donated the facility to seven members of the brigade for three-hour wedding/reception purposes, March 26, 27, 28.

Crain also solicited every conceivable business related to weddings and they, too, will donate to Operation Enduring Love. (See list below.)

If there are more than seven qualifying couples interested in the all-expense paid wedding, a drawing is scheduled for March 10, 10 a.m., at L'Eglise. Deadline is 8 a.m. the same day. Couples wishing to participate should submit their unit as well as their own names, address, email address and phone numbers by fax or email to [LEGLISEINC@MSN.COM](mailto:LEGLISEINC@MSN.COM), or fax: 337.837.4500.

More information pertaining to Operation Enduring Love can be found at <http://www.legliseinc.com>. Photography from the weddings will be accessible through <http://www.legliseinc.com> and <http://www.robinmay.com>.

SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED TO THE COUPLES INCLUDE: **THE FACILITY** AT L'EGLISE; **CATERING** BY CHEF BOBBY AND DOT OF KAPLAN **AND A LA CARTE** OF LAFAYETTE; **PHOTOGRAPHY** BY ROBIN MAY PHOTOGRAPHY; **TUXEDO RENTAL** BY MARY ELLEN FORMAL WEAR; **RINGS** BY PAUL'S JEWELERS; **PLANTS** BY INTERIOR PLANT SERVICES OF NEW IBERIA; **VIDEOGRAPHY** BY FAST FORWARD MULTIMEDIA; **DJ'S** BY REGET COMMUNICATION; **FLOWERS** BY BEYOND FLOWERS, CAJUN COTTAGE GIFTS AND CREATIONS OF ERATH, FLOWERLAND, GARDENAIRE AT RIVER RANCH, SPEDALE'S STEVE'S FLOWERS, WILD IRIS OF ERATH; **CHAMPAGNE** BY GLAZER'S DISTRIBUTING; **WEDDING CAKES** BY CRYSTAL WEDDINGS AND OCCASIONS OF NEW IBERIA; **LOAN COATS**; **WEDDING AND MAID OF HONOR DRESSES** BY ANTOINETTE'S; **HOTEL ROOMS** BY HOTEL ACADIANA; **LIMOUSINES** BY LIMOUSINES UNLIMITED AND DIAMOND LIMOUSINE; **SALON AND SPA SERVICES** BY AVEDA INSTITUTE, STUDIO 121, THE CLIENT SALON AND DAY SPA OF ABBEVILLE; **ENGRAVED CAKE SERVERS** BY ARMENTOR JEWELERS OF ABBEVILLE; **SUPPORT SERVICES** BY WHC, INC., SHADY ACRES, AND CRYSTAL COTTAGE; **WEBSITE PHOTO POSTING:** Pictage.

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