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**GREATER ROCHESTER NEW YORK AREA COUPLE
WINS THE WELCOME HOME WEDDING CONTEST
SPONSORED BY THE NUPTIAL NETWORK OF
GREATER ROCHESTER.**

**THE NUPTIAL NETWORK OF GREATER ROCHESTER HAS SELECTED A WINNER FOR
THEIR WEDDING GIVE AWAY. THE WELCOME HOME WEDDING IS VALUED AT OVER
\$20,000!!**

The Nuptial Network of Greater Rochester was founded in 2003 and is comprised of the leading bridal specialists in their fields, with an unparalleled wealth of knowledge and experience of the wedding industry.

The Nuptial Network will be giving a free wedding to a lucky couple valued at over \$20,000. The couple was selected from several contestants who entered the contest who had a Military affiliation and had served in Iraq. The contest was introduced in November 2004.

After the events of 9/11, Michael Parsons from Piffard, New York, Livingston County, felt it was his duty to leave Johnson and Wales University where he was attending classes to become a Marine to join in the fight against terrorism. He was deployed to Iraq soon after graduation from boot camp. Before he left he proposed marriage to his sweetheart, Cathy Starowitz of Byron, New York.

Cathy and Michael had been trying to plan their wedding for two years. Each time the plans were set Michael's deployment for Iraq left them no alternative but to cancel their wedding.

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When he received his orders to return to Iraq for his second tour, the reality of what was ahead led him to ask Cathy to fly to California where he was stationed, to be married immediately. His mindset was that if he did not return he would have fulfilled his dream of marrying the love his life. They recited their vows during a civil ceremony (holding a cell phone so the bride's mom could hear) with strangers for witnesses and family and friends far away! Shortly after he boarded a plane for the Middle East.

Although the selection process was difficult, their story was so poignant and their strength and bravery as a couple was so overwhelming, that it became apparent to the network that they were definitely deserving of this generous gift.

They will reaffirm their vows with family and friends present this time and all will enjoy a lavish reception at the Harro East Theater and Ballroom on January 22, 2006. The prize includes everything from flowers to the honeymoon and everything in between!

An inclusive wedding website will be in place for interested parties to follow and support Michael and Cathy on this emotional and exciting journey to planning their incredible wedding. www.welcomeHomeWedding.NuptialNetworkRochester.com.