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2011 NEWSLETTER
AND CALENDAR OF EVENTS



There's a great American story that's seldom told – a story of battle-scarred heroes that we've yet to meet. It's a story of Wounded Warriors trying to find their place in the world and to feel "normal" again. This is a story about Americans we owe a debt of gratitude to.



WWO Friends,

As I write this annual update, two things immediately come to mind. On the one hand, it is hard to believe that yet another year has already passed, while on the other hand, with all that we have accomplished it hard to believe it has only been a year.

The year got off to a fast start with our first ever fundraiser. The event was hosted by Cole and Sandi Whitaker and the University Club of Orlando and included a silent auction. Guests were able to purchase various trips, artwork, event tickets and a variety of items with all proceeds going to WWO. Even though this was our first ever event, the evening proved to be one of the most successful in the history of the University Club. We look forward to doing it again February 23, 2012. If you happen to be in the Orlando are, please attend. If you wish to donate any suitable auction items, please let us know.

In spite of continued difficult economic times, all of our previous sponsors continued with their support in 2011. To give you a feel of how broad and diverse our support system is, in addition to the generous support of individuals this year, we added the support of prominent corporations like Southwest Airlines, national service organizations like the DAV's Charitable Service Trust, recognizable conservation organizations like the Wild Sheep Foundation and the National Wild Turkey Foundation, as well as the National Honor Society at our local high school, all participating in an effort to help our most deserving young guests.

This year we hosted forty-two wounded warriors on eight different trips. We also expanded our efforts to include troops from Balboa Naval Medical Center in addition to Walter Reed Army Medical Center. We did have one of our trips cancel (California Wild Boar Hunt) due to the relocation of WRAMC. WRAMC has relocated from their historical location in Washington, D.C. to a brand new facility located at Bethesda Naval Medical Center in Maryland.

There is an unsung component of our program that is most critical to WWO's success, the hospital staff at both WRAMC and Balboa. Their dedication to the health and wellbeing of our guests is beyond belief. Their cooperation in working with WWO has helped us refine the program we have. They are willing to share their experience, advice and when needed, criticism to help us continue to improve each trip. They all share our same goal in providing therapeutic healing opportunities for our guests.

In 2011, WWO was featured on one television show (NWTF – Turkey Call) that will air next spring, nine national magazines and four newspapers, including the front page of the Orlando Sentinel. In addition, we were selected Charity of the Year by the International Door Association at their annual convention in Indiana. All of this has been pretty remarkable when you consider that we do not advertise, we do not solicit nor do we have any media consultants. Instead, we rely on positive exposure from our most caring volunteers.

We have now completed all trips for 2011. Next year, we will add four new locations; Mt. Kineo Island in Maine, New Smyrna Beach, Florida, Ketchikan, Alaska and New Brunswick, Canada. All trips are scheduled beginning in March and completing in October. We will host fifty-five wounded warriors in 2012, providing we are successful with our fundraising, our most difficult task of the year.

In closing, on behalf of our most deserving wounded warriors, thank you for your confidence and support. In keeping with our original promise and goal, we remain completely volunteer and have not paid one cent in any form of compensation to our staff members.

Our mission remains focused and simple – provide therapeutic healing opportunities where our wounded warriors can discover their "ability". Followed by just saying thank you and most importantly "welcome home".

Warmest regards,



Ron Raboud





What the warriors are saying



MSG David Smith - US Army



CPL Arron Howell - USMC

"Thanks to everyone for helping us wounded servicemen. It is a really good program that you all have organized. It allows people like us with disabilities to do what we used to love to do and learn something new. Thank you all again for everything you do for us, I can't say enough to show my appreciation."

-LCPL Tim Sloboda USMC

"I want to say thank you to everyone who contributed to Wounded Warrior Outdoors and allowing us to come up and have such a awesome time. This is a lifelasting experience for me, one I will never forget. You all are awesome in our eyes for doing such a thing for us even though you didn't even know us. I am forever grateful for people like yourselves. Again thank you all so much."

-CPL Jason Pacheco USMC

"Thank you for the opportunity of a lifetime to come to the beautiful province of British Columbia, Canada. It has been a great enjoyment for me to be here among God's country and to be able to find joy in hunting once more. You all are true American's and Patriotic friends. It is nice to feel the appreciation and friendship that we have experienced this week. It will be remembered for a lifetime."

-GYSGT David Rhode USMC

"The words thank you can only express a small portion of my appreciation for a hunt of a lifetime. Chasing dogs up mountain side and riding old logging trails in pursuit of world class black bear has been an adventure that I will never forget. But the hunt itself was only a small part of the experience. The efforts put forth by everyone to make us feel truly welcome and at home is what made this the trip of a lifetime. Thank you so much, you all are true patriots."

-SSGT Mark Hupp USMC

"Thank you so much for the fantastic experience here in B.C. The atmosphere, food and hospitality were second to none. Thank you so much it is a genuinely healing experience. Thank you all and God bless the work you do."

-SPC Brett Neisen US Army

"You don't know the incredibly positive impact that you all have had on the wounded vets that have spent time here. The level of independence that you give back to the guys that come here is priceless. Truly thank you for all that you have done and continue to do. Special thanks to Lisa, Gary and Ben for the awesome food. To Ed, thanks for the hours in the truck, cowboy lessons and bear roping stories. God bless you all for everything that you do."

-MSG David Smith US Army

"I want to thank you all for a wicked trip! I could tell that we were in for a treat from the moment that we arrived. Everyone here has been so upbeat and worked very hard to accommodate our needs, feed us delicious food and most importantly get us a bear. I hope that WWO can continue to provide others with the opportunity that I was gifted with. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart."

-CPL Arron Howell USMC

WWO is a phenomenal organization. The benefit from this experience is exponential and both motivating and enduring to the wounded warriors. The herculean effort put forth by the volunteers and sponsors and their compassion is unmatched. Thank you for this experience and the support that you are providing our American heroes."

-LTJG Tommy Neuens USN (Balboa Chaperone)



CPL Jason Pacheco - USMC with GYSGT David Rhode - USMC



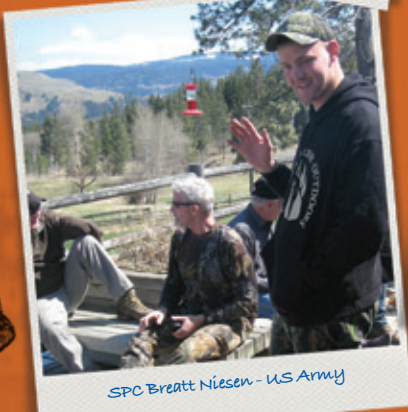
GYSGT David Rhode - USMC



LTSG Tommy Neuens - US Navy
LOPL Carlos Garcia - USMC
SSGT Jedidiah Vermillion - USMC



LCPL Tim Sloboda - USMC



SPC Breatt Niesen - US Army



CPL Jason Pacheco - USMC

Let's make **2012** a year to remember

EXPEDITION CALENDAR

www.WoundedWarriorOutdoors.com

January 19th-21st

Sheep Foundation Convention
Reno, NV (Booth 724)

February 9th-12th

NWTF Convention
Nashville, TN (Booth 548)

February 23rd

Annual Cocktails For a Cause Fundraiser
U Club of Orlando
Orlando, FL

March 7th-11th

Florida Flat's Fishing Trip
New Smyrna Beach, Fl (Balboa)

April 12th-18th

Spring Turkey Hunt
Fredonia, KY (WRAMC)

May 12th-18th

Spring Bear Hunt
Princeton, British Columbia (Balboa)

June 8th-12th

Wild Boar Hunt
Deer Park, FL (WRAMC)

July 7th-12th

Fly Fishing Trip
Mt. Kineo Island, ME (Balboa)

August 25th-30th

Saltwater Fishing Trip
Ketchikan, AK (WRAMC)

September (TBD)

Wild Boar Hunt
Bradley, CA (Balboa)

October 1st-7th

Fall Bear Hunt
New Brunswick, Canada (WRAMC)

October 24th-28th

Alligator Hunt
Deer Park, FL (Balboa)

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Wounded Warrior Outdoors (WWO) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charity providing recently wounded "active duty" servicemen and women with therapeutic outdoor adventures across North America.

All WWO guests are current wounded in-hospital patients at either Walter Reed Army Medical Center or Balboa Naval Medical Center. WWO provides these all inclusive adventures at absolutely no cost to the warriors, their families or the government. Warriors are selected for participation by the medical staff at each hospital, each being paired with the adventure that provides them the greatest therapeutic potential.

In order to maintain the highly effective charity, WWO needs the continued support of private individuals and corporations. WWO is a completely volunteer charity with no paid staff or needless overhead, assuring that donations benefit our most deserving wounded warriors.

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