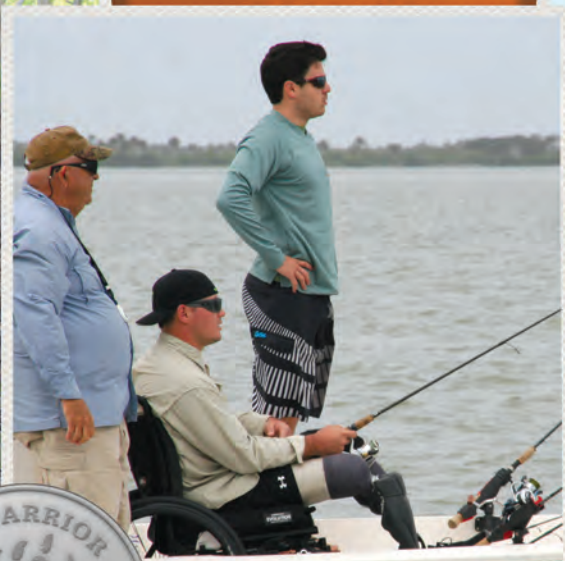




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2012 NEWSLETTER
AND CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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,

Yet another year is in the history books, how time flies by. A year filled with sacrifice and triumph. We recently completed our final trip for 2012 here in Central Florida.

In addition to our regular adventures, in 2012 we added two new destinations - Mt. Kineo Island in Maine and Ketchikan, Alaska. We had great first trips to both destinations, both of which had and have tremendous therapeutic potential in keeping with our focus.

With the addition of these two destinations, we now have a complete schedule of locations and adventures. Returning to the same destinations each year provides WWO with the opportunity to critique and adjust each trip to provide the maximum amount of therapeutic opportunity for our guests. Each year our trips seem to get better and better as do the results that our warriors obtain.

One big reason for this improvement is the amount of community support WWO receives at every destination. We have chosen destinations and trips that portray "Small Town" America. These communities warmly welcome our annual visits and our warrior guests, welcoming each with smiles and countless opportunities, all while appreciating the service and sacrifice that each warrior has made on their behalf.

This is what WWO is all about! We provide healing opportunities with a hometown approach. No media events, no exploitation, no ulterior motives, just caring volunteers and communities providing support for those that have sacrificed so unselfishly on our behalf. What better combination can there possibly be to rediscover one's ability despite challenge?

While maintaining our completely volunteer approach, funding remains our greatest obstacle and need. Every donation, no matter the size, is greatly needed and appreciated. In 2012 we were fortunate to gain the support of Hero Miles, a Fisher House Charity. Hero Miles provided the airfare for all of our wounded warriors and hospital staff in 2012. Their support was a tremendous help in making 2012 such a great success.

Looking forward to 2013, our goals remain the same, as will our adventures. We will once again provide healing opportunities for fifty recently wounded warriors currently receiving treatment at either Walter Reed, Balboa or Brooke Army Medical Center.

WWO will provide these opportunities with the generous support of our volunteers and donor network, both of which are the best imaginable! I am always amazed at how many lives are touched by this program and the guests we are honored to host. Each year WWO "only" hosts fifty wounded warriors, but we impact countless lives and communities throughout North America. Each adventure is a life changing experience not only for our wounded warriors, but also for everyone making each trip a reality.

In 2013, our fundraising efforts will be expanded to include Relay Races, Art Auctions, Golf Tournaments, Pheasant Hunts, Motorcycle Rallies as well as two conventions, Dallas Safari Club and The Wild Sheep Foundation. In addition, the University Club of Orlando will once again host a Silent Auction (Cocktails for a Cause) on February 28th to benefit WWO. The auction is open to everyone wishing to attend. Anyone wishing to donate suitable auction items please contact us. Your items and support will be greatly appreciated.

On behalf of the servicemen and women that we are privileged to host, THANK YOU for your continued confidence and support. Working together towards a common goal, we are making a healing difference in the young lives of those that sacrifice to protect the lives and freedom that we richly enjoy.

Warmest regards,

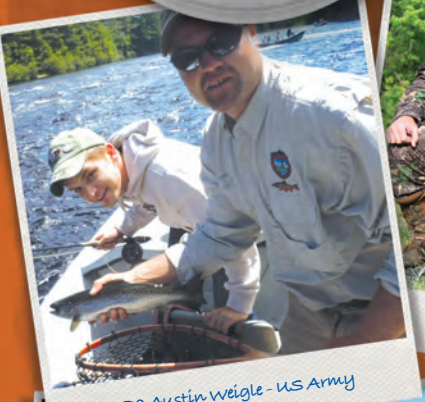


Ron Raboud





What the warriors are saying



SPC Austin Weigle - US Army



CPT Aaron Palmer - US Army

"Thank you so much for everything this week.Mt. Kineo is beautiful. Your kindness and hospitality were above and beyond what I expected and I am forever grateful. Thank you so much."

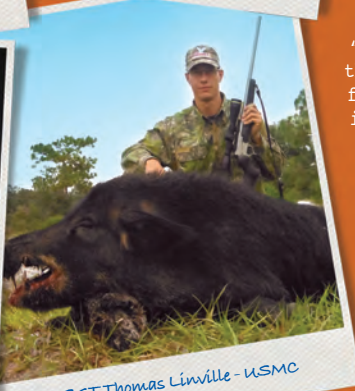
-SPC Austin Weigle US Army

"This trip really helped me to figure out where I am physicaly and how well I can shoot and move. Thank you to all of the WWO volunteers who have given their time, money and opened up their doors and land to us."

-CPT Aaron Palmer US Army



GYSGT Blaine Scott - USMC



SSGT Thomas Linville - USMC

"I would like to thank WWO and all of the volunteers for the great things you guys do for all wounded service members. To come be with great friends, people who care and enjoy hunting and all that comes with it is an opportunity of a lifetime. This has been a everlasting experience for me and something that I will always cherish for the rest of my life. Thank you guys for everything."

-GYSGT Blaine Scott USMC

"Thank you for the chance to come out to Florida and experiece the growth and therapy that happens on trips like this. It means the world to us! Thank you for supporting the troops and taking the time to show America cares about their wounded military."

-SSGT Thomas Linville USMC



SQT James Amos - USMC



CPL Jose Armenta - USMC

"To the folks at WWO, "Thank You" does not even begin to convey the amount of gratitude for everything that you have done for me and fellow brothers this past week.Who would have thought that only 11 months after being injured that I'd be on the most amazing hunt of my life."

-SGT James Amos USMC

"Thank you so much from the bottom of my heart. I cannot put into words what this trip has done for me. I have not been this at peace in a long time. Thank you again."

-CPL Jose Armenta USMC

"Your service to the Wounded Warriors reflects the honor, courage and commitment that we all live by. Your dedication and hardwork is evident in the memories and experience that our guys will treasure and talk about for days to come. The hospitality provided, the families and friends you have introduced us to, and the extra miles in attending to all of our needs are greatly appreciated by us all. Thank you for your gift of healing by being who you all are."

-Dr. Lu D. Le, DO, MBA , Staff Psychiatrist

"Beautiful house, amazing fishing, incredible food and amazing people. This has been the most positive experience I have had since I came home from Afghanistan. Everything has been absolutely incredible. I cannot say thank you enough."

-SGT Seth Rodgers USMC



Dr. Lu Le - Balboa Chaperone



SGT Seth Rodgers - USMC

Let's make **2013** a year to remember



The Wild Sheep Foundation (WSF) is proud to partner with the Wounded Warriors Outdoors and their mission to provide wounded servicemen and women with therapeutic outdoor adventures across North America. Through our Annual Conventions, WSF has helped WWO raise money to help offset expenses for the lifetime adventure for these American heroes.

WSF salutes and thanks these fine young men and women who have selflessly defended our country and have given us the freedom to live our way of life and to hunt and fish our great lands. WSF will continue to partner with and provide funding to WWO to ensure that our wounded warriors can return to their lives of enjoying hunting, fishing and the great outdoors!

We salute you!
Gray N. Thornton, President & CEO
Wild Sheep Foundation



"It has been a tremendous pleasure to establish a relationship with Wounded Warrior Outdoors over the last several years. The University Club looks forward to a lasting relationship with WWO as we feel their organization is a perfect fit for the "Cocktails for a Cause" event."

Justin Wright
University Club General Manager



"There are many programs that use the outdoors as a rehabilitative tool for veterans. Wounded Warriors Outdoors is unique. Foremost, it doesn't make it easy for participants for good reason; it asks veterans to push themselves to their limits," said Richard E. Marbes, Chairman of the DAV Charitable Service Trust. "Through the adventures they facilitate, men and women facing daunting challenges as a result of their service reconnect with the hero inside of themselves. It shatters their perceived post-injury limitations and gives them a sense of accomplishment that would be impossible to achieve in their everyday lives."

Richard E. Marbes, Chairman
DAV Charitable Service Trust



Hero Miles is proud to support Wounded Warrior Outdoors, Inc. Fisher House Foundation administers the "Hero Miles" program, providing round-trip airfare to wounded, injured and ill military men and women, and/or their families, who are undergoing treatment at a military or VA medical center, and to attend authorized events. Flights are made possible through frequent flyer mile donations made by individual airline passengers.

Cheers!
Leticia 'Tish' Stropes, Director
Hero Miles Program-Fisher House Foundation

EXPEDITION CALENDAR

January 2nd-6th

Dallas Safari Club Convention
Dallas, TX

January 31st-February 3rd

Wild Sheep Foundation Convention
Reno, NV

February 28th

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

April 11th-17th

Spring Turkey Hunt
Fredonia, KY

April (TBD)

Spring Turkey Hunt
Lake Cumberland, KY

May 11th-17th

Spring Bear Hunt
Princeton, British Columbia

July 7th-12th

Fly Fishing Trip
Mt. Kineo Island, ME

August 24th-29th

Saltwater Fishing Trip
Ketchikan, AK

September (TBD)

Florida Gator Hunt
Orlando, FL

October 22nd-26th

Florida Gator/Hog Hunt
Deer Park, FL

October 22nd-30th

Florida Hog Hunt
Deer Park, FL



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 National Military Medical Center Bethesda, Balboa Naval Medical Center San Diego, Brooke Army Medical Center or San Antonio Military 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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