



# Adventures enabled.

2014 NEWSLETTER  
AND 2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

# WWO Friends,

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Once again, yet another year has flown by with 2014 now being history.

Despite what is commonly believed, our warriors are still being seriously wounded on a daily basis. The severity of their wounds has actually increased, and the need for our "Adventures Enabled" trips are greater than ever. This past year was our busiest ever, with WWO hosting over seventy recently wounded warriors on our week long adventures.

Our "partnerships" with our military hospitals continue to strengthen as does the effectiveness of our program. We continue to adjust not only our activities, but also select our destinations to best serve the warriors we are privileged to host. As the nature of injuries change, so does the therapeutic needs. Now having a variety of proven destinations available, each year we can select those destinations that best challenge and motivate our warrior guests to reach accomplishments well beyond their expectations. Doing so in supportive communities that provide respectful caring settings without fear of exploitation.

In 2014 with the generosity of our donors, sponsors and corporations including Sturm Ruger, Disabled American Veterans of American (DAV), and two family foundations wishing to remain under the radar, we were able to purchase the remaining specialized equipment we needed. This past year we added a second Polaris Ranger, an Action Track Chair, hunting blinds and all equipment needed to equip our newest destination.

Last year we also completed two "test trips" previewing new possible destinations, both of which were added to our 2015 program schedule. This year we will once again host seventy warriors on our trips that begin in March and wrap-up in November. Our trips for 2015 have already been scheduled and presented to the respective hospitals. Although they may be weeks or months away, our warrior guests are already working hard to attain goals put forth by the hospitals in order to participate. The benefit and motivation of the trips that we provide last much longer in duration than the trips themselves!

Our selection process remains unchanged. Warriors are selected to participate by the medical staff at their treatment facility. WWO continues to be 100% volunteer, 100% therapeutic and 100% outdoor focused! Since our inception, we still have never spent even a single cent on any administrative costs or staff salaries.

We have also continued to strengthen our relationship with our conservation partner, the Wild Sheep Foundation. The WSF has been a loyal sponsor of WWO from our very start and a valuable member of our team. This past year, Hero Miles, once again donated the airfare to transport our warriors from the hospitals to our trip locations. Our extremely generous volunteers donated over 8,000 hours of their time to staff and host our adventures! We also continued to expand opportunities working in cooperation with various State Game and Fish Departments, Water Conservation Districts, as well as State Parks Departments, to provide unique healing opportunities while at the same time achieving wildlife management goals. In 2014 alone we were able to donate over 4,000 pounds of processed organic natural meat to area Homeless Shelters! Certainly an unexpected benefit of our program by giving back to our host community.

Every single component of our WWO family is very valued, very much appreciated and very important in our ability to continue. It is very heartwarming to witness the compassion that Americans and Canadians have for our servicemen and women, as well as their depth of support when they believe in a cause standing for and doing the RIGHT thing! WE will never take that confidence or support for granted!

Our nations wounded are approaching a very dangerous time in their healing process! As the public awareness of the wars fade from media coverage and government cutbacks are implemented, their individual struggles will also fade from the spotlight. Their battles however will last a lifetime, long after the sounds of war grow silent. It is at this most critical time when our support, our respect and the opportunities WWO provides is needed the most! With your continued confidence and support, we will continue to be here for them. As well as remaining the highly efficient and highly effective organization we are.

THANK YOU for helping WWO make our "Adventures Enabled" opportunities a reality for those that have served and sacrificed to preserve the FREEDOM we all enjoy.

Ron Raboud





# What the Warriors are saying



CPL Darryl Charles - USMC



LT Carl Hill  
USN - Balboa Chaperone

"Thank you for donating your time and giving your all in support of us wounded warriors. The beautiful scenery and seclusion was amazing, it was nice to get away for a bit. I always surprise myself on WWO adventures which help be to produce new standards and set new goals. WWO is a blessing, please continue to do amazing things!"

- CPL Darryl Charles - USMC

"This has been an amazing trip! WWO is a fantastic organization. The support that is given to combat veterans is absolutely incredible, you will never fully understand the impact that WWO has on all of us. Thank you so much, you have made friends for life!"

- LT Carl Hill - USN - Balboa Chaperone



MAJ Yancy Baer - US Army

"I cannot express the feelings that I have inside from this trip! I have reached a new level of happiness and gratitude in my recovery! Not only do the people of WWO help me find a new success, but they also benefit my wife and kids. They benefit from having a happier husband and father! Thank you so much! You all are family to me."

- SSG Travis Henschel - US Army



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"WWO thank you very much for an amazing opportunity! Your trips mean the world to every warrior who participates. These guys get more out of these adventures than you could ever imagine. Your sacrifices on behalf of our warriors are so appreciated, it is an honor to be associated with WWO. Again thank you!"

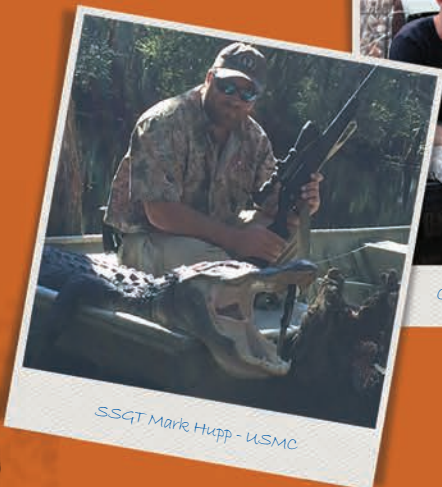
- MAJ Yancy Baer - US Army - Center For The Intrepid Chaperone



CPL Jed Morgan - USMC

"I would like to say thank you. Over the last few day's I have laughed harder and been more relaxed than I have been in the past few year's. The greatest challenge will be trying to explain to my friends and family exactly what took place! These past days are indescribable and only something that can be completely understood if you have experienced it! Thank you!"

- SSGT Mark Hupp - USMC



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"I would like to thank WWO for this amazing opportunity. It is not very often that I have time to get away. This trip has been extremely calming and exciting! I have never been hunting before, and to be able to go hunt a bear on my first hunt is awesome! Thank you for all the hard work that goes into putting on a trip like this. I hope to see you again on another trip."

- CPL Jed Morgan - USMC



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.



# Let's make **2015** a year to remember



"The Wild Sheep Foundation (WSF) is proud and very humbled to partner with the Wounded Warriors Outdoors and their mission to provide wounded servicemen and women with therapeutic outdoor adventures across North America. WWO is the official wounded warrior partner of WSF as WWO is laser focused on its Mission, as is WSF. Through our Annual Conventions, WSF has helped WWO raise funds to help offset expenses for outdoor adventures for these American heroes. We were honored to provide nearly \$60,000 to WWO in 2014 and plan to exceed that amount in 2015!

WSF is a wildlife conservation organization focus on our mission...but this mission is a luxury we enjoy ONLY through the dedication, service and sacrifice by the men and women who serve in the armed forces and enable us to have the very freedom we enjoy. WSF salutes and humbly thanks these fine young men and women who have selflessly defended our country and way of life. WSF will continue to partner with and provide funding to WWO to ensure that our warriors can return to their lives and help heal their physical and other wounds through hunting and fishing experiences in the great outdoors! We thank and salute you!"

**Gray N. Thornton, President & CEO**  
Wild Sheep Foundation



"Quanta Services is a proud supporter of Wounded Warriors Outdoors and all of our returning service men and women. WWO has not only assisted our veterans in returning to the outdoors but helped to begin the healing process."

**Jim O'Neil**  
President & CEO  
Quanta Services



"The Outdoorsmans would like to thank WWO for doing such a wonderful job in helping our warriors. We are proud and honored to support WWO and the remarkable young servicemen and women that have selflessly served and continue to serve our country. Our warriors deserve our support!"

**Cody Nelson**  
Wild Sheep Foundation



"Wounded Warriors Outdoors provides unique rehabilitative opportunities that veterans can't get in hospitals or through traditional therapy. They push participants to reconnect with a part of themselves that they may have lost coming away from an injury or traumatic event," said Richard Marbes, Chairman of the DAV (Disabled American Veterans) Charitable Service Trust. "A week-long event can turn into a lifetime spent challenging perceived limitations and DAV is proud to support this important program"

**Richard E. Marbes, Chairman**  
DAV Charitable Service Trust



"It has been an honor to host the WWO Annual Auction at The University Club of Orlando the last few years. Just to be a small part of an organization that focusses on therapy and rehabilitation through the outdoors for these great heroes is quite humbling, to say the least. The University Club's membership has many Veterans and avid outdoors enthusiast making the WWO Auction truly one of our club's premier events each and every year. We all look forward to having another successful WWO Auction in 2015!"

**Cole Whitaker**

## EXPEDITION CALENDAR

**January 7th-11th, 2015**  
Wild Sheep Foundation Convention  
Reno, NV

**January 8th, 2015**  
Celebrity Sporting Clays Shoot  
with US Olympic Team. Reno, NV

**January 15th-18th, 2015**  
Dallas Safari Club Convention  
Dallas, TX

**February 12th, 2015**  
Cocktails for a Cause  
Orlando, FL

**March 6th-10th, 2015**  
Recordbuck Ranch Hunt  
Utopia, TX

**March 26th-29th, 2015**  
Osceola Spring Turkey Hunt  
Deltona, FL

**April 16th-22nd, 2015**  
Western Kentucky Spring Turkey Hunt  
Fredonia, KY

**April 19th-24th, 2015**  
Eastern Kentucky Turkey Hunt  
Lake Cumberland, KY

**May 10th-16th, 2015**  
Spring Bear One  
Princeton, BC

**May 24th-30th, 2015**  
Spring Bear Two  
Princeton, BC

**June 26th-30th, 2015**  
Kessler Canyon Shoot  
DeBeque, CO

**July 23th-26th, 2015**  
Puzzle Lake Gator Hunt  
Mims, FL

**July 30th-August 2nd, 2015**  
Sta Gator Hunt  
Wellington, FL

**October 22nd-26th, 2015**  
Bull Creek Gator Hunt  
Deer Park, FL

**November TBD**  
Georgia Deer Hunt  
Americus, GA

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



All WWO guests are current wounded patients at either Walter Reed National Military Medical Center Bethesda, Naval Medical Center San Diego (Balboa), or San Antonio Military Medical Center (Brooke). 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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