

# WARRIOR WEEKEND PROGRAM



## NEWSLETTER – VOLUME 8 – APR 2024

### President's Message James J. Lafferty

This first quarter of 2024 was spent making all the required arrangements for the seven weekend trips we will provide this year. The seven required applications were completed and sent to the hospital for approval by the medical and legal staff. Hotel and restaurant reservations were also completed. The applications were approved, as you can see by a letter from the Commanding General of Fort Belvoir below. The troops are ready, and we are ready!

It is important to note that the 2024 weekend trips would not be possible without the generosity of you, our donors, who support our program, and I thank you for your kindness and compassion. Without your support, these American Heroes and their families would not have the opportunity to get away from the hospital and military environment and spend quality time to reconnect as a family. I also thank you for helping us put a little sunshine in the lives of these heroes and their families.

Thank you to the following veteran organizations who will be hosting the troops and their families, for meals, during their visits to Rehoboth Beach, Delaware.

April trip **AMVETS Post 2**  
October trip **AMVETS Post 22**  
November trip, **American Legion Post 17** and **American Legion Post 28**



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#### 2024 TRIP SCHEDULE

APRIL 11, 12, 13 & 14 REHOBOTH BEACH  
MAY 16, 17 18 & 19, 2024 CHINCOTEAGUE  
JUNE 13, 14, 15 & 16, 2024 PHILADELPHIA  
JULY 25, 26, 27 & 28, 2024 HERSHEY  
SEPTEMBER 12, 13, 14 & 15, 2024 CHINCOTEAGUE  
OCTOBER 10, 11, 12 & 13, 2024 REHOBOTH BEACH  
NOVEMBER 7, 8, 9 & 10, 2024 REHOBOTH BEACH



## In Memoriam Director Linda Shelly



On February 12<sup>th</sup>, one of our most supportive and vocal members, Linda Shelly passed away. She loved being a part of the program, especially being with the troops and their families on some of the weekends. Linda was a wonderful lady with a big heart. She was always willing to help wherever she was needed. Her passing has left a hole in the hearts of those of us who loved her and worked with her.

**You were and are still an inspiration to all,  
with a heart that radiated love  
and warmth through all our lives.  
You will truly be missed and forever remembered.**

**Rest in peace.**



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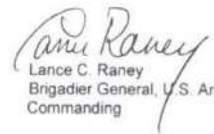
Mr. Jim Lafferty  
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Dear Mr. Lafferty:

Thank you for your organization's generous offer of weekend rest and recuperation events at Rehoboth Beach, Delaware; Hershey, Pennsylvania; and Chincoteague Island, Virginia; for Recovering Soldiers assigned to the Soldier Recovery Unit at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. All concerned appreciate your thoughtfulness in providing these gifts, which will support and enhance the well-being of the Recovering Soldiers. On behalf of the U.S. Army and the Soldiers who will benefit from your kindness, I accept your gift.

As the Commander for these Soldiers, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for your continued interest in the recovery and well-being of these troops.

Sincerely,

  
Lance C. Raney  
Brigadier General, U.S. Army  
Commanding

### Mission Statement

The mission of the Warrior Weekend Program is to provide a weekend of rest, relaxation, and fun for those injured heroes, and their spouses and families, who are recovering from injuries sustained while serving on military duty from the beginning of the Iraq war to the present. These individuals may be located in Military Hospitals, back on active duty, or released from duty.

