

# WARRIOR WEEKEND PROGRAM



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### President's Message James J. Lafferty

Here we are starting the third quarter of 2024 already. In the second quarter ending June 30<sup>th</sup>, we completed three, four-day weekend trips for our American Heroes and their families. These weekend venues were Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, Chincoteague, Virginia and the City of Philadelphia. A total of 47 personnel participated in these weekends. The soldiers and their families had a great time on these trips and really enjoyed the opportunity to spend quality time away from the hospital and military environment with their families. At each of these venues, there are different activities for them to take part in. However, the choice was theirs. If they preferred to spend the time reconnecting with their families, that was just fine with us. The soldiers appreciate that the weekends are not regimented, and the time is theirs. We only ask the meals we provide are attended by everyone. This way they can share experiences and spend time with other families in similar situations.

Please remember, these weekends would not be possible without your generosity and support. It is because of your kindness and compassion we are able to provide these weekends so these heroes and their families can spend some quality time together to reconnect.

In this issue, WW must recognize AMVETS Post #2 in Long Neck, DE, The American Veterans Thrift Shop in Lewes, DE, The Cape Henlopen Elks #2540 in Lewes, DE, the Heritage Shores Military Club of Bridgeville, DE, AMVETS Post 22 Auxiliary in Long Neck, DE, the Women's Civic Club of Bethany Beach, DE and Steve & Victoria Hoff in Humboldt, Nebraska, for all their most generous donations during this second quarter. Also, a special thank you to Holcomb Transportation in Bellmawr, NJ and NFL Films in Mount Laurel, NJ.

Those who work the program are all volunteers. However, our compensation is watching the smiles on the faces of these soldiers and their families. Your kindness provided us the opportunity to put a little sunshine in the lives of these heroes and their families and we thank you.



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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 PA

SEPTEMBER 12, 13, 14 & 15, 2024 CHINCOTEAGUE VA

OCTOBER 10, 11, 12 & 13, 2024 REHOBOTH BCH DE

NOVEMBER 7, 8, 9 & 10, 2024 REHOBOTH BCH DE



### 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.

The following comments from the first three trips of this second quarter will give you an idea as to what these weekends mean to these American Heroes and their families:

**Rehoboth Beach Trip, April 11 thru 14, 2024**  
**Master Sergeant Rudy Flores**

My family and I cannot thank you guys and the Warrior Weekend Organization enough for all the fun events, food and pure hospitality. We are beyond thankful and appreciative for the Warrior Weekend Organization. I cannot think of any way to make this trip better. This location is a must do for everyone. Restaurants, itinerary and flexibility were perfect for my family and I. Jim, Karen God Bless you guys for what you do. This trip was so needed after all I have put my family through, with my injury and medical needs. I really hope we will all get together to meet again.

**Chincoteague Trip May 16 thru the 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
**Staff Sergeant Jennie Webb**

The hotel was amazing, the restaurants were perfect, and the itinerary was self-explainable. The boat ride was amazing, and it was very relaxing. With this being my first time on a Warrior Weekend Trip, it was so refreshing to be able to enjoy myself along with fellow soldiers outside the Soldier Recovery Unit (SRU). I wish it was a five-day weekend. I really enjoyed myself and am looking forward to attending more events. Thank you, Buddy and Tom. You guys were very competent and friendly. You answered any and all questions. I even signed up with the American Legion. I can't express how much this weekend was needed; mentally, spiritually and emotionally, Thanks again.

**Master Sergeant Daniel Landsperger**

My family and I were very impressed with the organization. The itinerary was perfect for making a general plan for the day plus plenty of time to explore and enjoy. Everyone involved was incredibly nice and the general atmosphere was great vibes. Everyone is just happy to be here supporting the soldiers in recovery. Thank you all for putting this weekend together for us.

**Philadelphia Trip June 13 thru 16th, 2024**  
**Sergeant Quintis Reese**

My family and I really enjoyed the ease of the weekend. The hotel being centrally located on Center City allowed easy access to restaurants and shopping. The scheduled activities really made the trip that much more enjoyable. For my family and I, the overall weekend was a success.

We greatly appreciate the time, effort and thoughtfulness that the Warrior Weekend Organization and the many partnering business put into creating such a memorable experience for my family and I. Along with all of my many brothers and sisters in arms at the SRU (Soldier Recovery Unit) Detachment at /Fort Belvoir we are truly grateful for this wonderful experience.



**REHOBOTH BCH 4/11-4/14/2024**



**PHILADELPHIA PA 6/13-6/16/2024**  
**NFL FILMS & CAMDEN AQUARIUM**



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