

WARRIOR WEEKEND PROGRAM



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President's Message James J. Lafferty

We completed our final two trips of the year in the last quarter of 2025, both to Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, in October and November. We successfully carried out all seven weekend trips as scheduled, and everything went smoothly. Over these seven weekends, we had the pleasure of hosting a total of 120 guests, including soldiers and their families. These guests were able to spend quality time together, away from military and hospital environments.

This experience was made possible through your compassion and generosity towards these heroes via our Warrior Weekend Program. Your donations are immensely appreciated, and please know that the American heroes we support also thank you for your kindness and support. With the completion of these seven weekends, we have organized a total of 126 weekend trips since the program began. Your continued generosity over the years has made this possible, and I sincerely thank you.

The medical staff at the Soldier Recovery Unit at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, have informed us that these weekends significantly aid in the recovery process for these American heroes. Your donations help us create joyful memories for our guests that they can cherish for a long time. Thank you for making these precious memories possible.

In this issue, we would like to recognize and salute AMVETS Post 22 Auxiliary for hosting a wonderful evening for the soldiers and their families on October 10th. The food was excellent, and the gifts for each soldier and their guest exceeded expectations and were greatly appreciated.

I would also like to express my gratitude to the American Veterans Thrift Store for their continued support and outstanding generosity. Your kindness has been a tremendous help to our program and enables us to effectively support these American heroes.

The American Legion Auxiliary 28 in Millsboro also hosted a lunch featuring entertainment by Tim Beasley, who performed as Johnny Cash, Willie Nelson, and Kenny Rogers. Military children were presented with a stuffed bear that had a button stating, "Kids are Heroes Too," along with gifts of toys.

Lastly, I want to thank AMVETS Post 2 for their ongoing generosity and support of our program. Their contributions help us bring a little sunshine into the lives of these heroes and their families, providing them with many happy memories to cherish.

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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 are from the two weekend trips that took place in the second quarter of 2025 in Rehoboth Beach, DE. These comments will give you an idea as to what these weekends mean to these heroes and their families.

REHOBOTH BEACH OCTOBER 9, 10, 11 & 12

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS CHARLISA CUMMINS

Hotel arrangements: Checking in was a smooth pleasant experience. Room was very clean and home-like/comfy beds. The food at Zoggs was amazing, great service and accommodating. The food at AMVETS Post 22 was delicious, filling and we especially enjoyed how kind and welcoming and appreciative everyone was. We thank them for their service and donations. The gifts were thoughtful and unexpected. The scheduled meals were perfect, and we definitely enjoyed sleeping in and relaxing and being able to move at our own pace. No additional improvements to add about the program, everything was perfect. Our overall impression of this weekend: The Warrior Weekend Program gave us an unforgettable 4-day, 3-night, all-expense paid trip to Rehoboth Beach that was relaxing, rewarding and full of fun. Every detail was so well planned, allowing us to totally unwind and enjoy our time together. We cannot thank them enough for their incredible generosity and dedication to supporting veterans and their families.

STAFF SERGEANT MEZA-KREHN

First, thank you for putting together an amazing retreat for us. This vacation provided us a much-needed alleviation to my family and stressors at home. The hotel arrangements were thorough and straightforward. The full itinerary of directions, activities and food with the initial email and follow-up call were fantastic to set our expectations and preparations prior to arrival. The location, restaurants and flexibility were outstanding, and I do not have any form of improvements to mention.

Overall, we are extremely grateful for all the

volunteers putting this together as we navigate recovery and transition from the military.



REHOBOTH BEACH NOVEMBER 6, 7, 8 & 9

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The weekend was a much-needed trip. It was peaceful, a lot to do, and it gave me time to think about my life. The schedule wasn't too much and I thought it was just perfect. I met some great people and got to experience things I would've never experienced if I was traveling alone or with friends. It kept me busy and the food was great.

Thank you so much for an amazing getaway.

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS CHARLISA CUMMINS

The mission of the warrior Weekend Program – To provide a weekend of rest and relaxation and fun for injured heroes and their families was clearly reflected throughout the experience. The program offered a meaningful opportunity to relax, reconnect and participate in the activities at our own pace. The hotel arrangements were organized, smooth and very welcoming.

The check-in process was easy, and everything felt well-coordinated. The amount of scheduled activities was perfect. There were great options without feeling overwhelming, and it was refreshing not to be required to be somewhere at a specific time the entire duration. That flexibility allowed for genuine rest. The activities themselves were warm, welcoming and thoughtfully planned. Each one contributed to a positive supportive atmosphere making the weekend truly enjoyable. Overall, it was a wonderful experience that aligned perfectly with the Program's mission.





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2025 - That's a wrap! Our mission doesn't pause — **Warrior Weekend Program** is gearing up for a new year of empowering, connection-driven adventures for military families.



2026 TENTATIVE TRIP SCHEDULE

APRIL 16-19 REHOBOTH BEACH DE	MAY 14-17 CHINCOTEAGUE VA
JUNE 4-7 PHILADELPHIA PA	JULY 16-19 HERSHEY PARK PA
SEPTEMBER 17-20 CHINCOTEAGUE VA	OCTOBER 15-18 REHOBOTH BEACH DE
NOVEMBER 12-15 REHOBOTH BEACH DE	

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