

WARRIOR WEEKEND PROGRAM



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President's Message James J. Lafferty

The first quarter of 2025 was spent making the required reservations and arrangements for the seven weekend trips we will be providing for those American Heroes we will be honoring this year. The individual applications for each of these seven weekend trips were prepared and submitted to the Medical and Legal staffs at Fort Belvoir Virginia for their review and approval. The applications were reviewed and approved as you can see by the attached letter from the Commanding General of Fort Belvoir.

The following is a list of the seven weekend approved trips we will be providing this year:

April 10th thru 13th Rehoboth Beach Delaware, May 15th thru 18th Chincoteague, Virginia, June 19th thru 22nd Philadelphia, PA, July 17th thru 20th Hershey Park, PA, September 4th thru 7th Chincoteague, Virginia, October 9th thru 12th Rehoboth Beach, Delaware and November 6th thru 9th Rehoboth, Beach Delaware.

It is important to note that the above schedule of 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 military and hospital environments and spend quality time together as a family. I thank you for helping us put a little sunshine in the lives of these heroes and their families.

This year 2025 will be our 18th year of providing weekends of rest and relaxation for these American Heroes and their families. Through 2024, we have provided a total of 119 weekends for these American Heroes and their families and with your continued support we will provide many more.

A special thank you to the following Veterans Organizations that will be hosting and providing meals for these heroes during their visits to the Rehoboth Beach Area. April trip AMVETS Post 2, October Trip AMVETS Post 22 Auxiliary and November trip American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 28.

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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.



In this issue, I will continue to highlight our significant donors for their continued support of our Warrior Weekend program. It's important to for everyone to know and appreciate these donors for their generosity and compassion for our program and how they help us care for these American Heroes that participate in the weekends we provide for them.

All Sants Parish Thrift Shop - Rehoboth Beach, Delaware

The All Saints Parish Thrift Shop is a community focused organization in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware that contributes significant funds to numerous local service organizations through the sale of donated clothing, housewares, and furniture.

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 28 – Millsboro, Delaware

The American Legion Auxiliary is a separate entity from the American Legion that shares the same values. The mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support the American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who served by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, they advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace, and security.

AMVETS Post 22 Auxiliary – Long Neck, Delaware

They are the mothers, wives, widows, grandmothers, sisters, daughters, stepdaughters and granddaughters of the American Veteran and female veterans and fully recognizing their responsibility to our community, state, and nation to improve the quality of life for them, their families and their communities for all American Veterans who have served honorably.

As a reminder, the primary purpose of this newsletter and every issue, is to let our donors know how and where their donations are being used. A thank you letter is sent for every donation received, however; we feel it is also important to let our donors know where their donations went.

The next quarterly issue of our newsletter will include information, pictures, and the soldiers comments from the first three weekend trips of this year.



The Warrior Weekend Program is truly humbled by the American Legion Auxiliary Dept. of DE's outstanding \$1,000 donation, presented by Department President Donna Rawley DiFrancis at the March 26th Directors meeting, and her heartfelt appreciation for our commitment to supporting wounded troops.



SCHEDULED 2025 TRIPS

- April 10-13 – Rehoboth DE
- May 15-18 Chincoteague VA
- June 19-22 – Philadelphia PA
- July 17-20 – Hershey Park PA
- September 4-7 – Chincoteague VA
- October 9-12 – Rehoboth, DE
- November 6-9 – Rehoboth DE

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Office of the Commanding General

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c/o Mr. James J. Lafferty
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Dear Mr. Lafferty:

Thank you for your generous offer of a boardwalk retreat. All concerned appreciate your thoughtfulness in providing this opportunity, which will support and enhance the well-being of recovering Soldiers. On behalf of the United States Army and the Soldiers who will benefit from your kindness, I accept your offer.

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for your interest in the recovery and welfare of our troops.

Sincerely,

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BOB LOUGHEED & THE MEMPHIS MAFIA

Warrior Weekend Program proudly expresses our deep gratitude to Bob Lougheed & The Memphis Mafia for their incredible dedication and support of our wounded warriors visiting Delaware. For the past 13 years, Bob's shows have uplifted the spirits of the troops and their families while honoring the legacy of Elvis and his timeless music.

Thank You, Bob

