

WARRIOR WEEKEND PROGRAM



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President's Message

James J. Lafferty

Welcome to the initial issue of the Warrior Weekend Program Newsletter. During our last board meeting (6/6/22), we debated around the table, as to how we can thank our donors, as well as let them know, what is going on with the Program. The consensus was, it is important to let the donors know what happened to their donation, and the best way to accomplish this, is to issue a newsletter. So, here it is folks, our Issue Number 1.

The plan is to issue this newsletter on a quarterly basis. A data base has been established with our donors and each donor will receive a copy. This initial issue has been mostly mailed to each donor. If you have an email address, please email the address to us and subsequent issues will be sent via email. This will also help reduce our mailing cost and we thank you. Please forward your email address to: beth1011@msn.com.

We have completed three of our scheduled seven weekends for this year. These three weekends were spent at: Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, Chincoteague, Virginia, and Philadelphia, PA. The remaining four weekends will be spent at Hershey Park, PA, Chincoteague, Virginia and two trips to Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. All of these weekends are four-day weekends, Thursday thru Sunday. When these weekends are completed this year, the Program will have provided, since it started in 2007, a total of 105 weekends, for these American Heroes and their families. 105 opportunities for them to reconnect as a family and for us to watch the smiles on their faces.

To give you an idea as to how the completed weekends went on the Rehoboth Beach trip there were five soldiers and thirteen family members for a total of eighteen personnel. The Chincoteague trip, there were four soldiers and nineteen family members for a total of twenty-three personnel. The Philadelphia trip, there were three soldiers and twelve family members for a total of fifteen personnel. The evening before the Philadelphia trip, SFC Coe called to inform us that his daughter tested positive for COVID and the family was quarantined for the next 5 days, consequently no trip to Philadelphia for him, his wife and his four children. I am sure he and his family will be on one of the four remaining trips. So far this year, with these three trips, there were twelve families who had the opportunity to reconnect as a family and enjoy some quality time together. That is what our program is all about and that is what your donations help us provide for these American Heroes and their families.

Rehoboth Beach Trip - April 7, 8, 9 & 10, 2022

Sergeant First Class Angela Denise wrote: "I wasn't sure what to expect when we arrived. The hotel arrangements were perfect for my family and me. The food was amazing. I had so much time to relax and be with my family. I liked the flexibility of not having a scheduled time for activities. I would not ask for anything to be changed about the weekend. This was a perfect weekend to spend with my family. My family and I are extremely appreciative."



Chincoteague Island Trip – May 1 20, 21 & 22, 2022

Staff Sergeant Ja Relle Turner wrote: "This was my first time going on a sponsored trip with Warrior Weekend Program and overall, my family and I had an awesome time. Mr. Dahl and Mr. Gallagher were great hosts of the weekend. They were very family friendly which encouraged the group to become more social altogether. As far as the whole weekend goes, I would give it a 5-star rating. This experience has certainly convinced me to enroll for more events hosted by the Warrior Weekend Program! Thanks for the Awesome Trip!"



Philadelphia Trip – June 9, 10, 11 & 12, 2022

Staff Sergeant Brent Watts wrote: "The Warrior Weekend Program has been the best experience I've ever had in the military. Jim Gallagher and Joe Green, the WWP hosts, were absolute gentlemen and we can't wait to come to the next WWP event. Our family needed this. It's has been a rough couple if years since we began transitioning out of the Army and this weekend has been like a beacon of light for us to relax and enjoy the free time we've been given."



The rest of the comments from the troops and their families, as well as pictures from these trips, can be found on our web site at www.warriorweekend.net under 2022 trips.

As you can see from these comments, the key word each use is, they had time to "relax" and be with their families. That is what our program is about, and your donations provide us the funds to make these weekends available to these American Heroes and their families and we thank you for your kindness and generosity.

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