

# WARRIOR WEEKEND PROGRAM



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### President's Message James J. Lafferty

The new year has started as has the Warrior Weekend Program. We have completed and submitted seven applications for the seven trips we plan to provide for those American Heroes and their families recovering from injuries they sustained while on active duty. The following is a list of the seven trips scheduled for this year, including their destinations.:

April 13 thru 16 – Rehoboth Beach, Delaware

May 18 thru 21 – Chincoteague, Virginia

June 8 thru 11 – Philadelphia, PA

July 20 thru 23 – Hershey Park, PA

September 14 thru 17 – Chincoteague, Virginia

October 12 thru 15 – Rehoboth Beach, Delaware

November 2 thru 5 - Rehoboth Beach, Delaware

At each of the above destinations, we have various activities for them to participate in, however, the choice is theirs. If they would rather just spend the time reconnecting with their families, or sitting on the beach and just relaxing, that's fine with us. The weekends are theirs to do with as they wish. They like the idea that the weekends are not regimented. We only ask that everyone get together for one of the dinner meals. Here they can interact with other troops and their families who are in the same situation and share different experiences.

The above weekends are being provided for these American Heroes and their families because of your kindness, generosity, and support for our program. Without your donations, we would never be able to provide the weekends for these heroes and their families, and they would not have the opportunity to spend some quality time, outside the hospital, with their families while they recover from their injuries.

On behalf of our program and the soldiers we support, I thank you for helping us put a little sunshine in the lives of these heroes and their families.

**Upcoming Issue #5 will highlight the first three trips of 2023.**

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Thank you to those who will be hosting the troops during their visits to Rehoboth DE  
April/Oct/Nov

VFW 7447 Rehoboth - April  
American Legion Post 17 - October  
American Legion 28 – November  
Tiki Jac's Eats & Brews  
Boardwalk Plaza Hotel





### Tom Dahl, Director

Just a few months before high school graduation in 1967, I attended a seminar on employment with the Army Map Service.

Subsequently, I was hired as a cartographic aide and moved to an apartment outside of Washington, D.C.

I am a veteran of both serving in the U.S.

Army and support our troops as a cartographer for DOD and NGA. When I found out about the Warrior Weekend Program, I was in. And I am forever thankful and supportive of those defending our freedom.

Initially, the most appealing component about joining the Warrior Weekend Program is that it was started and managed by like-minded veterans local to Delaware and everyone is a volunteer. Next came the realization that it is a program that provides a weekend respite to injured troops, a concept that certainly needed to be done. Just to see the obvious gratitude on each and every one of their faces results in the best paying job I have ever had.



### Paul Zambito, Director

I happened to see a presentation about the Warrior Weekend Program at one of my Corvette Club meetings. I was very impressed with what I saw and heard at the presentation. I asked the presenter a few questions and then asked how I could become a part of the program. I supported and believed in everything they do for our troops who defend our country and return with physical and mental issues.

Setting up the getaway weekends for these troops and their families is a great gesture of appreciation for their sacrifice to this great nation.

I am proud to be a part of this wonderful program and honored to work with all of the volunteers that are responsible for making the program a great success.

God Bless our troops and the United States of America.

### SOME OF OUR RECENT DONATIONS



American Legion Post 28



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St. Michael's

