

Check out what WWIA has been up to!



Photo credit to WWIA Guide John Keeney who captured this beautiful picture from the 2017 FL Spring Turkey Event.

Notes from the Field: April 2017

Spring turkey season is in full swing, and in the month of April, WWIA welcomed one new Turkey hunting event, cued up a new and unique fundraising opportunity, and also hosted the second annual WWIA Guide School. As we move forward into 2017, with plenty of hunting and fishing events on the horizon, we remain continually grateful to everyone who supports and works on behalf our Purple Heart Heroes.



Events and Fundraisers

Inaugural Great Creek Turkey Hunt

April 28-May 1

WWIA was proud to add a new event for our Heroes with the Inaugural Great Creek Turkey Hunt. This event took place in Alberta, VA and served four Purple Heart recipients from Texas, Alabama, North Carolina, and Michigan. This event had plenty of camaraderie,

connection, laughter, and good hunting; as one hero harvested a 20Lb, 11 inch beard and 1 inch spur eastern wild turkey. A huge thank you to Andy Wilson and Great Creek Hunt Club for hosting our Heroes. Special thanks to WWIA Guide Derek VanBuren for his coordination and support during this amazing weekend.



"Great company, great place, and great time. Some people come and go in our lives that impact our lives in an awesome incredible way. Trips like this are always a terrific experience resulting in lifelong friendships being made. It is humbling when people thank you for something that personally wasn't a big deal. I truly appreciate the time I spent with other wounded Warriors, the Guides and the sponsors. It always ends with a great amount of positivity and great friends."



2nd Annual WWIA Guide School

April 29-May 7

The 2nd Annual WWIA Guide School was held in Wytopitlock, Maine at the WWIA Northeast Healing Center, where seven Heroes from across the country gathered in their pursuit of becoming WWIA Guides. Over the course of 7 days, our Heroes were

instructed in a variety of skill sets such as weapon safety, trapping, fly fishing, wellness, communication, rope knots, CPR and First Aid, and other disciplines that will be required as they lead and serve their fellow Heroes on upcoming events. Special thanks to all WWIA staff and Advisors, [Adaptive Sports - U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs](#), [Maine's Outdoor Learning Center](#), R Cabin Outfitters, [Maine Trappers Association](#), [Red Wing Shoes](#), [Whitetails Unlimited](#) and [Timberland Pro](#) for helping us make this event possible. Congratulations to our outstanding class of 2017 Guide School Graduates!

Inaugural Gary Galliford Memorial Superior Pool Tournament Fundraiser

April 28-30

THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the Inaugural Gary Galliford Memorial Superior Open Pool Tournament benefiting WWIA. This event was hosted at the [Top Hat Tavern](#) by owners Darrell Fredrickson and Jeff Schelin. Special recognition to Abigail Galliford Oswald (daughter of the late Gary Galliford) for her generosity in asking that funds raised from this memorial be directed to WWIA; and also to Chris and Brenda Diesing for your continual efforts and support of WWIA. We also recognize and applaud these amazing sponsors for generously supporting this event: [McDermott Pool Cues](#) for their beautiful custom pool cues, Eagle Amusements, [Midwest Pool Players Association](#), [Hofman Custom Cues](#), [Manion Foods](#), [Vee's Marketing Inc.](#), and [Shirts Unlimited](#).



Pictured from left to right: Darrell Fredrickson, Jeff Schelin, Chris Diesing, Abigail Galliford Oswald, and Brenda Diesing.

3rd Annual Whitetails Unlimited Bayfield County Chapter Banquet

April 29



Pictured from left to right: Jim Sette, Russ Heule, John Bentley, Chris Diesing, Brenda Diesing, Laura Heule, and Sierra.

THANK YOU to Whitetails Unlimited Bayfield County Chapter for hosting their 3rd annual banquet in support of WWIA. This year's banquet was another great success. Special thanks to Chris and Brenda Diesing, [Dairyland Fence](#), and [Timberghost Taxidermy](#) for your continual and generous support of WWIA and our Purple Heart Heroes.

Upcoming Events



Sponsors and Friends

April Corporate Sponsors (\$1,000+)



THANK YOU to our friends at Capital Credit Union for their generous donation to WWIA. CCU raised money by renting out parking spaces at their facility during Green Bay Packer games. This was a creative way to fund raise, and we truly appreciate your support! Special thanks to CCU representative Jonathan Probst

for leading this initiative and presenting the donation check to WWIA Associate Matt Tennesen.

Thank You!



SPECIAL THANKS to Mike Felber from [Felber Knives](#) for creating this beautiful one-of-a-kind WWIA commemorative knife with sheath that was presented to the top candidate from our 2nd Annual WWIA Guide School. Mike, thank you for sharing your talents and for

your continued support of WWIA and our amazing Purple Heart Heroes!

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