



Check out what WWIA has been up to this month!



Photo credit to WWIA Guide Mark Broda who captured this beautiful ocean shot at the 2017 Dave Harris Memorial Billfishing Tournament in Mexico.

## Notes from the Field: July 2017

As we enter into the second part of 2017, we are thankful for an outstanding first half of the year. There were over 25 world-class events for our Warriors, and the remainder of the year will only see those numbers increase as we move toward the fall. Thank you to all of our supporters, donors, hosts, volunteers, Guides and Associates who enable us to proudly and gratefully serve our Purple Heart Heroes.



## Events and Fundraisers

## Inaugural Wisconsin Summer Musky Fishing

July 20-22

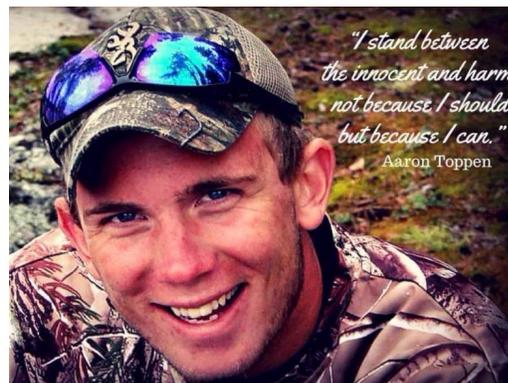
We were pleased to offer a new fishing opportunity for our Heroes this summer with the Inaugural Wisconsin Summer Musky Fishing Event. This event allowed three Heroes the chance to catch the ever-elusive Musky, one of the most challenging and sought after trophy fish. There were plenty of great catches on the water, and the connections and camaraderie made the event a memorable occasion. Special thanks to Todd and Dawn Bohm for generously hosting this event, and to WWIA Guide Jon French for his outstanding support throughout the three-days. We also extend our sincere appreciation to the [Stoney Creek Hotel and Conference Center](#) for graciously lodging our Heroes, to fishing guides Jeff Micholic, Dave Coenen and Joel DeBoer for sharing their passion and expertise, and also to Luke Coenen, who cooked a fantastic fish fry for our Heroes.



*"A great time if ever I had one. I can't remember names very well because I am old...86. But in all 86 years, I can't remember a finer time. I would do it again in a heartbeat. These men were a fine bunch to fish with. This is a great bunch of people. To me, WWIA is tops! My fishing with Todd was some of the best times I've ever had. A fine group of fellows, I can't say enough. The WWIA made my last days of fishing something to remember."*

## 4th Annual PFC Aaron Toppen Fishing Tournament Fundraiser

WWIA was honored to be selected as one of two recipients receiving donations from the 4th Annual PFC Aaron Toppen Fishing Tournament. This tournament was established in remembrance of PFC Aaron Toppen, to celebrate his life, his service and sacrifice, and to raise money in his honor to benefit those who need it most. WWIA received a generous donation of \$1,638.00 from the tournament proceeds to further our service to our Purple Heart Heroes. Thank you to Pamela Toppen (proud mother of Aaron), the Toppen family and friends, and everyone who participated in this fundraising event.



## 2RC Outdoors Fundraiser

Our appreciation goes out to Mr. Ross Ellis and [2RC Outdoors](#) for their generous donation of \$521.00. They were able to raise money and awareness for WWIA by selling raffle tickets for various items. Raffle winners received a Bowtech Carbon Icon bow and 4 other prizes. Thank you for supporting WWIA and our amazing Wounded Warriors.



### Upcoming Events



## Sponsors and Friends

### Stefano LaSala Foundation

**THANK YOU** to the Stefano LaSala Foundation for their generous donation of \$1,000 to WWIA in support of the upcoming NY Couples Retreat. We sincerely appreciate your continued dedication and support of our Heroes!

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