

Check out what WWIA has been up to!



Notes from the Field: January 2017

The first weeks of 2017 brought many great outdoor sporting opportunities to the Heroes of WWIA. This month, our Purple Heart recipients enjoyed waterfowl, upland bird and deer hunting in the great states of North Carolina, Maryland, Alabama and Ohio. One lucky group of Warriors spent a week with the Wisconsin Valley Woodturners, churning out beautiful handmade bowls, calls, and platters. There's one thing all these great events had in common--they gave our Heroes the opportunity to connect with other Purple Heart recipients and enjoy the warm hospitality of communities across the US who care about their well-being. Thank you to our Heroes for their service and sacrifice and thank you to everyone for making this month the best January yet!



Events and Fundraisers



6th Annual NC OBX Hunt

January 5-8

Hosts Larry Beasley, Tim Brown and Tim Spence hosted a group of three Warriors who participated in a waterfowl hunt in Currituck County, NC. These Heroes were warmly greeted with welcome signs by local

restaurants, motels and businesses. This two day event had our Heroes rotating between various duck blinds on their hunt. The weekend hunt was a rewarding experience for our Warriors, despite some winter weather rolling in on the last day. The success of this event was truly a community effort, so thank you to everyone that was involved in making this event so successful and special.

"Thank you for the opportunity to learn amongst my brothers on the OBX waterfowl event. Spending time with great sportsmen in an amazing place with such overwhelming community support is truly humbling."

4th Annual MD Bird Hunt

January 13-16

Four Purple Heart Heroes participated in a wildly successful weekend of fowl hunting in Easton, MD. Heroes, local guides and WWIA Associates joined in shooting waterfowl over



world class trained retrievers. They also scored big with small spreads in a day-long goose hunting event. The sportsman events closed out in an afternoon of field fowl hunting, with retrievers pointing and flushing up over 30 birds, and two of the heroes shooting their first pheasant! Thank you to Brian Wegener for hosting another outstanding event for our Heroes and thanks to everyone who contributed their time and resources to make this a world-class event!

"This is the first event I've been on with WWIA and it was one of the best hunting weekends of my life. The camaraderie with the other vets was second to none and was great therapy for me. I can't say enough about our host Brian. He and all the guys that helped were awesome! The food that was provided was excellent, as was the hospitality shown to us wherever we went!"

7th Annual AL Whitetail Hunt

January 13-16

Thank you to our gracious hosts Ritchie Russell and Ira Everett for coordinating our 7th Annual AL Whitetail Hunt in Hawthorne, AL.



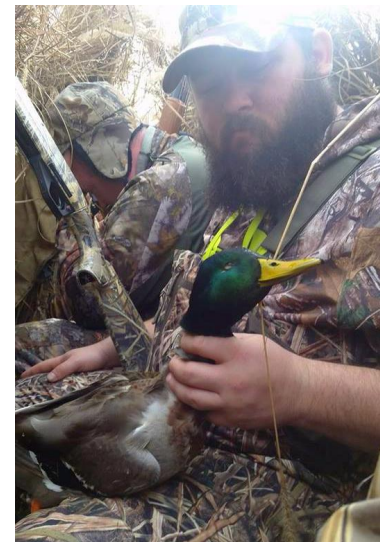
Our warriors were lodged in two beautiful cabins on the property. These Warriors were not just hunting over the weekend, but also being educated on the specifics of growing a sustainable whitetail deer population. There were valuable connections made while in the field and around the campfire. Thank you to everyone that played a part in making this amazing event possible!

"Thank you to everyone that made this experience possible for me. This trip was exactly what I was yearning for and didn't even know it. The fellowship and friendships made are very special to me. To connect with my brothers, share experiences and laugh together was awesome."

6th Annual SW Ohio Duck Hunt

January 20-23

Our 6th Annual SW Ohio Duck Hunt was hosted by Dave Studenka and Dan Doll. Five Heroes participated in this weekend event, that began with a fish fry dinner at the campground lodge. The next morning, our Heroes were up early laying decoys and the first day of hunting brought in a total of 40 birds! They ended their first evening with some venison chili for dinner. The second day brought more hunting success, and our Warriors ended up closing off their weekend with dinner at Rooster's Restaurant, cleaning their birds, and sharing stories around the campfire. Thank you to everyone that enabled the SW Ohio Duck Hunt to be another fantastic event!



"It was my first duck hunt and they taught me the ins and outs and I got my first duck and goose ever! It was so much fun and I'd love to come back again. The conversations and camaraderie were awesome. Thank you for all the work and one of the greatest hunts of my entire life."



Wisconsin Valley Woodturning Event

January 29-February 3

For the past four years, The Wisconsin Valley Woodturners and Tony Kopchinski have graciously hosted our Heroes, teaching them basic and advanced woodworking skills and showing them the

therapeutic benefits of working with their hands to create something that is both useful and beautiful. Over a four-day period, these Warriors created items such as bowls, plates, platters, game calls, and a variety of other hand-made items. Our

Heroes were able to take these items home with them. In addition, they helped create some commemorative items for WWIA. The restorative impact that this event has on our Warriors is powerful, and the feedback we receive each year is quite humbling. Thank you to everyone that made this event possible for our Heroes!

"How do you thank people that have taught you how to live again? I have never met people so generous and caring as WWIA and Wood Turners in WI, USA. I have learned and enjoyed this week very much. Thank you."

Upcoming Events



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