

Check out what WWIA has been up to!



Notes from the Field: March 2017

The month of March is an exciting time of year as we bid farewell to winter and welcome in the coming spring. This month we recognized the American Legion Birthday (Mar 15), the National Day of Honor (Mar 19), and Vietnam Veterans Day (Mar 29). As the weather warms and we gear up for even more events, we want to take time to acknowledge the tremendous support behind WWIA. There are many moving parts that go into making these events possible for our Heroes. We want to thank all of our donors, hosts, Associates, Guides, volunteers, and communities that serve our Purple Heart Heroes so faithfully. Your dedication and graciousness allow us to continue our mission to honor, connect and heal our Wounded Warriors!



Events and Fundraisers

New Lenox Game Dinner

March 4

The 2017 New Lenox Game Dinner benefit was another HUGE success! Thanks to The New Lenox American Legion-Thomas E. Hartung Post 1977, Chris DeMik, Kellie Giblin DeMik and the scores of patriots who poured out to support our nation's combat wounded. They raised north of \$20,000 at this year's dinner, bringing their grand total to over \$85,000! With this continuous dedication, New Lenox has distinguished itself as the Foundation's #1 veteran support organization. A huge salute to the fine men, women and youth in the great city of New Lenox, Illinois!



"The incredible people of the American Legion Post 1977 and the New Lenox community fill my patriotic heart with pride. Aside from their record breaking fundraising effort, their genuine care and love for our Heroes and American servicemen and women is humbling. This place and these people are my family and I can't thank them enough!"

2nd Annual FL Spring Turkey Hunt

March 24-26

The 2nd Annual Florida Spring Turkey Hunt took place the weekend of March 24th. On this event our Heroes had the rare opportunity to hunt for the coveted Osceola turkey. Three of our Warriors participated in a total of four hunts over a three-day period, and enjoyed great food, conversation and camaraderie. Thanks to WWIA Guide John Keeney for his support and guidance on this event, and special thanks to event host David Ward for his generosity and hospitality in serving our Heroes.



"I want to start off by saying thank you to everyone who made this trip possible, especially the WWIA and the host, Mr. Ward. Mr. Ward went way above and beyond to make us feel at home and comfortable. This weekend was one of the most relaxing, enjoyable weekends that I have had in years. The amount of wonderful people that I met and the memories that were made will last a lifetime."

Inaugural SC Couples Turkey Hunt March 25-28

Our first ever South Carolina Couples Turkey Hunt took place over a four-day period in March. Special thanks to WWIA Guide Tim Spence for his support and



assistance, and to hosts Brian & Elizabeth Whetstone for opening their home and making this such a special occasion for our Heroes and their significant others.

Throughout the event, these couples were treated to wonderful family-style dinners accompanied by great conversation, laughter and stories. This event was not just about turkey hunting though, the women were also treated to a well-deserved and relaxing day at the spa. This was a great opportunity for these couples to relax and connect with others in a beautiful location.

"The hunting was awesome for a 'new' turkey guy, but the connection made with the host and other warriors and wives made this a trip I won't soon forget. Thank you to all who made this possible and thank you for making all of the Wounded Warriors you have touched feel "normal" again. Semper Fidelis!"

Upcoming Events



Sponsors and Friends

United Piping, Inc. Fundraiser



THANK YOU to United Piping, Inc. for their outstanding support of WWIA. UPI held a fundraiser to benefit WWIA at their annual holiday party through a silent auction and also a raffle. As a result of their efforts, the employees of UPI raised a total of \$12,030 and UPI CEO Robert Schoneberger gave an additional \$3,970 to bring UPI's total donation to an even \$16,000 this year.

Monies raised from UPI will stay in the great states of MN and WI. Special thanks to all of the generous employees of UPI, to CEO Robert Schoneberger for his support and gracious contribution, and to Connie Cooley and Brent Straub for organizing and championing these amazing fundraisers! UPI's total

donations supporting WWIA to date equal \$36,000. Thank you UPI for your continued support of WWIA and the Purple Heart Heroes we serve!

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