

Check out what WWIA has been up to!



Notes from the Field: October 2016

The leaves are falling and the fall hunting and fishing seasons are in full swing. WWIA had a busy October, with Heroes in the field hog and whitetail hunting, and on the water catching the mighty muskie! Due to popular demand, Camp Hackett, the Foundation's Northern Healing Center, held two events this month, serving twice as many Heroes as in previous years. Thanks to all the hosts, volunteers and donors who made October another great month for the Purple Heart Heroes we serve. See you next month!

Have you seen the newest WWIA video? [Click here!](#)

All of us at WWIA are very

proud to tell the Foundation's story through our new video, thanks to the incredible work of our Executive Producer Robert Wheeler and cameraman Danny J Kirsic.

Special thanks also to Jacob Whipkey, Kellie & John

Keeney, Brian Eisch, Doug

McMann, Shelley Cohen, Keith G. Tidball, Dixon Gunther, Josh

Krueger, Daniel White, BASS Master Champion Edwin Evers and of course ALL OF YOU who help make our Mission possible.



CFC Campaign: There's still time to support WWIA!

The Combined Federal Campaign, or CFC, is in full swing. CFC is the nation's largest employee giving campaign for federal workers and WWIA receives

much of its support from this outstanding program. If you are participating in this year's CFC, [don't forget to support WWIA, #94512!](#)



Events and Fundraisers



3rd Annual Double Creek Lodge TN Archery Deer Hunt *October 14-17*

The 3rd Annual Tennessee Whitetail Bow Hunt gave four Heroes an opportunity to unwind at the beautiful Double Creek Lodge in Hohenwald. In addition to hunting whitetail deer, Warriors were able to spend their downtime bonding and creating lifelong friendships. A big thank you to hosts Shelley Cohen and Dennis Reynolds.

Thanks also to Senator Joey Hensley and State Representative David Byrd, who have both been fighting to reduce the cost of out-of-state hunting licenses for

Purple Heart recipients on the Tennessee events. Thanks to the TN Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus who donated \$1,800 this year toward the heroes' travel costs, and to the NRA Foundation, who pay for the Heroes' hunting licenses.

Thanks eternally for the great memories, fun times and awesome people that I had an opportunity to meet this weekend. This is surely a once-in-a-lifetime trip at Shelley and Dennis' property. I hope to have made friends for life here in TN.

Mercer Muskie Madness

October 14-15

The Gateway Lodge & Resort, in partnership with host Wayne Riebe and WWIA Associate Doug Alderton, held the Mercer Muskie Madness fishing tournament. This live-bait tournament included fishing on Turtle Flambeau Flowage Fisher Lake, Spider Lake, Oxbow Lake, Echo Lake, Grand Portage Lake, Pike Lake, Mercer Lake, Lake of the Falls and Trude Lake. WWIA received a portion of the proceeds from this great event.



4th Annual Bayfield Cast & Blast

October 20-24

WWIA came together with hosts Chris and Brenda Diesing to organize the 4th Annual Bayfield Cast & Blast. On this all-expense-paid trip, five Heroes spent the beginning of the weekend fishing for trophy musky, bass, walleye and pike. The Heroes then went whitetail deer hunting for two full days with local guides. Huge thanks to the Diesings, the Bourassas, as well as Botten's Green Acres Golf Course, Whitetails Unlimited, Dairyland Fence Company and all the supporters in Bayfield who came together to support our Heroes.

From the moment I met the other guys at the airport, I knew we were going to have a great and memorable weekend. I felt an instant bond and a brotherhood. The fishing was amazing and I was able to really appreciate what God had given us; a second chance. I often wonder why I was spared and why I made it when others didn't. Spending a weekend with great people was such a therapeutic experience.

4th Annual Mississippi Cast & Blast

October 20-24

Four Heroes traveled down to Bay St. Louis, MS at the end of

the month. Once there, our Wounded Warriors enjoyed a world-class hog hunt, then went fishing in Delacroix, LA for redfish, speckled trout, flounder, and other species. A large shrimp/crab boil concluded the fishing and was provided by the St. Bernard Parish Sheriff's Department. There was also a large group



fish fry & boil with red beans and rice dinner Saturday night provided by the Murphy family. Needless to say, our Heroes didn't go home hungry! Special thanks to the Murphy family, Josh Gipson, Sherrif Pohlman and the St. Bernard Parish Sheriff's Department for putting on this fantastic event. Thanks also to the surrounding communities who came out and welcomed our Heroes to Mississippi and Louisiana!

Had a wonderful Event. The Host and family and friends that came out to show support were second to none! Everyone treated us like we were part of the family. I Hope to stay in touch with all who were involved. Thanks a million, WWIA!



Camp Hackett

October 20-24 and 27-31

WWIA was proud to offer the 9th Annual Camp Hackett Event at our Northern Healing Center near Phillips, WI. Activities at Camp Hackett included bow hunting for trophy whitetails, shotgun hunting for ruffed grouse, and fishing for musky. Due to

the high demand for opportunities at Camp, WWIA split the event into two back-to-back weekends, serving twice as many heroes as in previous years! There are so many people to thank for helping get this event together. Special thanks to United Piping, Inc., St. Croix Casinos, VFW Wurl-Feind-Ingman Post 2687, Donnie's Roadside Phillips Wisconsin, Hides for Heroes, Bob Bolz, Mike Reed and A & W Restaurants, Derek VanBuren, Bryan Gray, John Carlson (Ross's Sport Shop and Guide Service), and the Deleasky's, just to name a few. Most of all, thanks to the town of Phillips for all the support over the years!

WI Muskie on a Fly

October 28-31

Hosts Tim Fischer, Tom Schenk and supporters held the Inaugural WI Musky on a Fly Fishing Event at the end of October. On this world-class adventure, four Heroes enjoyed

two full days of fly fishing in the Chippewa and Flambeau Rivers out of Western-style drift boats. Everyone had a blast! Another excellent event executed perfectly with Pro Guide Tim Fischer in Northwestern Wisconsin. Giant Muskie were boated and there were several other close encounters. Great food, awesome people and an overall success!

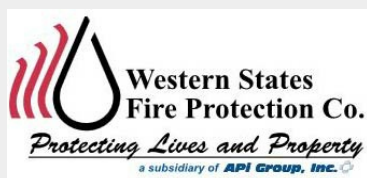


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