



NOTES FROM THE FIELD OCTOBER 2017



October was an outstanding month that featured some incredible occasions for our Purple Heart veterans. With the change of seasons, a multitude of opportunities for different hunting and fishing trips were made possible. Our Heroes enjoyed some amazing once in a life time experiences across the country and even Canada. We are beyond appreciative of all our Hosts and their commitment to supporting our wounded warriors. Our most sincere gratitude goes out to all the fundraisers who helped make these events possible. Thank you to all our supporters, donors, fundraisers, volunteers, Hosts, Guides, and Associates who gave us the privilege to serve those who have served.



EVENTS & FUNDRAISERS

2nd Annual Wisconsin Musky on a Fly October 6-9



Four Purple Heart veterans were joined together in Bruce Wisconsin for the 2nd Annual Musky on a Fly event. In an incredible three-day event, our Heroes enjoyed a spectacular fly fishing experience on the Chippewa and Flambeau Rivers. Even though they could not catch any Musky, each boat was filled with fun and laughter as they forged new relationships out on the water. Our Heroes enjoyed delicious meals prepared on the shore by the masterful cook Mark Ryder. Special thanks to our outstanding Hosts, Tim Fischer and Tom Schenk, for all your hard work in ensuring a truly memorable experience for our Heroes. We are very grateful for all the hard work and dedication of Brian Porter who was such an outstanding Guide on the event.

"This past weekend out here in Wisconsin has been one of the best weekends in several years. Being out here with great guides helping us track down the elusive musky has been a blast. Although we were not able to get one in the boat, the time spent with everyone made up for it. Thanks to everyone for putting this event together."

Inaugural Hero Shot Archery Whitetail Hunt October 14-20



Two Purple Heart recipients came together in Quincy Illinois for the Inaugural Hero Shot Archery Whitetail Hunt. This six-day event paired one of our Heroes and WWIA Guide together with Jason Selman of Hero Shot Outfitters to Bow Hunt Whitetail Deer. Our warriors enjoyed a great harvest, and developed strong relationships with the Hosts, community, and each other. We are extremely grateful to have the support of [Hero Shot Outfitters](#) and [Bowsite.com](#) for this event. Our most sincere thank you to our Hosts, Jason and Amber Selman and Charlie Rehor, for providing a one of a kind opportunity for our Heroes.

"I can't thank the personnel involved in this hunt enough. Truly outstanding people. Every detail, from the tags and license to the travel arrangements and the hunt itself has been amazing. Deer Camp at its best."

5th Annual Bayfield Cast & Blast October 19-23



Four of our Heroes traveled to Delta Wisconsin to enjoy some incredible hunting and fishing in the big woods of Northern Wisconsin. This five-day event featured trophy fishing for musky and pike as well as archery whitetail deer hunting. The event was an incredible mixture of different outdoor sporting activities that established a dynamic environment for our Heroes. Thank you Chris and Brenda Diesing for hosting such an outstanding event that continues to be so successful. We extend our appreciation to [Scenic Drive Resort](#) for hosting our warriors and providing cabins. Our deepest thanks to the local community for providing such outstanding support for this event.

"This week was an awesome experience. Delta, WI is as beautiful as its people are kind. The fishing was new for me and catching my first pike is something I will never forget. All the hosts were helpful, but my guides really made me feel like I was home. Although I did not fill my tags, the experience was worth the trip."

11th Annual Camp Hackett Event
October 19-23 and 26-30



WWIA was proud to offer the 11th Annual Camp Hackett Event at our Northern Healing Center near Phillips, WI. The wide range of activities included bow hunting for trophy whitetails, shotgun hunting for grouse, and fishing for musky. With such an overwhelming demand for opportunities at camp, the event was split into two groups in back to back weekends to facilitate the growing desire to attend. We are so fortunate to have had the support of so many individuals and sponsors. Special thanks to [United Piping Inc.](#), [AMVETS Post 50](#), [American Legion of Tomahawk](#), Mike and Joan Reed, [Club 13](#), [A&W Restaurants](#), Bob Bolz, Don Angelo, [Brigadoon Winery](#), [Feed and Seed](#), [Phillips High School](#) and many more. Most of all, thanks to the town of Phillips for all the support over these wonderful 11 years!

"I deeply appreciate the opportunity afforded to me while at Camp Hackett. Its warming to see an entire community come together for what was a once and a lifetime experience. It allowed me to step back from my daily troubles, connect with other veterans, and make new friends. Thank you to everyone, on and behind the scenes, for everything you poured into this event, it meant the world."

Inaugural Rig'Em Right Alberta Duck Hunt

October 29 - November 2



In Alberta, Canada, three of our Purple Heart veterans came together for the Inaugural Rig'Em Right Alberta Duck Hunt. This five-day event featured outstanding waterfowl hunting from layout blinds in the nearby crop fields. Our Heroes had an amazing success in the hunt and forged long lasting bonds on the field. A special thank you to [Rig'Em Right](#) and [Ranchland Outfitters](#) for making this incredible event possible. Much appreciation to Rob Reynolds of Ranchland Outfitters for going above and beyond in executing the event. Thank you to our Hosts, Tim Macht, Matthew Cagle, and Alex Langbell, for affording our Heroes the opportunity of a life time.

"I just returned home from the Alberta duck hunt trip, and I wanted to send you and the organization my most sincere thanks! It was the trip of a lifetime. I've never experienced something that amazing. Tim and Matthew of Rig 'Em Right were wonderful and generous hosts, and Bryan was a fantastic guide and I was honored to spend the past few days with him as well. Everything was run so professionally, and I appreciate the time and effort everyone put into the trip. Thank you so much from the bottom of my heart."

Hardscape Contractor Party October 19



A special thank you to all our friends at [Pave Tech](#) for hosting such an incredible fundraiser following the [GIE+EXPO](#). We are extremely grateful for all their hard word in raising \$1,430 for our Nation's Purple Heart recipients. The event, attended by hardscapers and landscapers alike, featured bowling, raffles and free food and beverages, sponsored by PAVE TECH. We extend our deepest thanks to Steve Jones and the Pave Tech team for your continued support of WWIA and our veterans.

Mercer Muskie Madness
October 20-21



The Gateway Lodge & Resort, in partnership with host Wayne Riebe and WWIA Associate Doug Alderton, held a magnificent Mercer Muskie Madness fishing tournament. This tournament featured competitive fishing in 10 astonishing locations for the chance to win unbelievable prizes. A special thank you to all the sponsors that made this event possible; [Gateway Lodge & Resort](#), [Donner's Bay Resort](#), [SS Sport](#), [Turtle Flambeau Flowage Association](#), [Turtle River Trading Company](#), Northland Satellite & Electronics, [Boulder Marine](#), [Rollie & Helen's Musky Shop](#), [5 Star Marketing & Distribution](#), [St. Croix Rod](#), [Beaver's Resort](#), and many more. We are looking forward to continuing this event next year on October 19, 2018!

UPCOMING EVENTS



SPONSORS & FRIENDS



B.P.O. Elks Lodge No. 1600
\$2,000



VFW Post 2687
\$2,000

Thomas Nichols
\$1,068

Carol Cook
\$1,000

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The Combined Federal Campaign season is officially here and we hope you will consider making a pledge to WWIA (CFC #94512) this year. You will find us in your charity listing as a member of Military Support Groups of America. Thank you for your support of our Nation's Purple Heart Heroes!

****NEW THIS YEAR**** Federal retirees can now make donations in the form of monthly annuitant payments to the preferred CFC charity of their choice!

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Purple Heart Patriots

Become a Purple Heart Patriot by donating monthly to WWIA and the Heroes we serve! Monthly contributors receive an introductory gift and mention in next month's newsletter.

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