

Wounded Warriors at Nebo

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This newsletter covers activities in the first quarter of 2025.

Team Building

On January 17, 2025, a group of 21 patients, cadre, and civilian healthcare workers from Ft. Sam Houston came together for a team-building event. The day began with breakfast at First Watch Restaurant in San Antonio at 10:30 AM, where attendees enjoyed a meal and conversation.



At noon, the group walked to the "Extreme Escape Room," where they were divided into teams to participate in a 60-minute adventure game. Working collaboratively, they searched for hidden clues, solved puzzles, and cracked codes in an effort to escape their designated rooms before time ran out. The engaging and interactive experience fostered teamwork and problem-solving skills.

After the event, Chaplain Hatcher shared that everyone had a great time, marking the day as both enjoyable and meaningful for all involved.

Museum Tour

On February 12th, a group of sixteen patients representing the Soldier Recovery Units at Fort Sam Houston and Fort Cavazos embarked on a memorable outing to Fredericksburg, TX. The group consisted of Marines, Navy, and Army personnel, creating a mix of camaraderie across military branches.

Their adventure began with a guided tour of the esteemed Museum of the Pacific War.



Steeped in history, the museum offered the group a deep dive into pivotal moments and unsung stories of World War II. The attendees explored exhibits, engaged with fascinating displays, and gained a better appreciation of the courage and sacrifices made during the Pacific Theater of the war.

Following the educational excursion, the group took time to unwind and connect over a hearty lunch at the Fredericksburg Brewery.



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Mission Statement

Demonstrate the love of Christ to all wounded, injured or ill warriors and their families and caregivers.

- *Offering respite;*
- *Assisting with reintegration into civilian settings;*
- *Showing our deep gratitude for their sacrifices;*
- *Sharing GOD's Love.*

Wooden Puzzles

After completing the birdhouse project (see "Veterans and Birdhouses" in December's newsletter), we collaborated with the activity director and staff at the Kerrville VA Medical Center Nursing Home to organize another engaging event for the residents. Ultimately, we decided on wooden puzzles as the activity. Each resident was paired with a volunteer, not only to assist with assembling the puzzle but, more importantly, to provide companionship and conversation.



Meeting weekly, the project took several weeks to complete. Once finished, each puzzle was mounted on a backing, allowing the residents to keep their work intact as a lasting memento. These projects help break up the monotony and serve as a reminder to our veterans that they are valued and never forgotten.

We are looking at other projects to share with these veterans. Things like building model cars and/or airplanes. Because of their limited manual dexterity it is challenging to find something they can enjoy and not get frustrated. Regardless of the project, they really appreciate and value having someone to

spend time and visit with.

If you would like to volunteer to meet a veteran and help with the next project or simply visit and make a new friend, contact Elizabeth Fargason at efargason@outlook.com or Roylene Roberts at roylene8524@msn.com.



Event Schedule September 2024-May 2025

September 19	Team Building-Ft. Cavazos
September 24	Kayaking San Marcos
October 2	Enchanted Rock
November 14	Natural Bridge Caverns
December 6-8	Christmas R & R
January 17	Team Building-Ft. Sam
February 12	Nimitz Museum Tour
March 4	Kayaking San Marcos
April 8	Enchanted Rock
May 2-4	Family R & R
May 16—August	Planning & Vacation

*Sign Up: **Active Duty:** Personnel in treatment or transition contact your OIC **OR:**

Ft. Sam: Chaplain Hatcher's office (210) 808-6606

Ft. Cavazos: Chaplain Yepsica's office (254) 287-1777

Medically Retired: Go to wwnebo.org/events, follow the link at the top of the page and complete the application. You will be wait listed and contacted regarding space availability.

***Dates are subject to change without notice so keep checking online at wwnebo.org/events**

River Adventure

The river sparkled under the clear sky, the gentle current offering both tranquility and adventure. On March 4, 2025, 14 warriors from the Fort Sam Soldier Recovery Unit (SRU) gathered in San Marcos for a day of camaraderie, relaxation, and outdoor therapy.



As they navigated the winding waters, the warmth of the sun and the beauty of the natural surroundings provided the perfect backdrop for reflection and renewal. Whether paddling through the scenic landscape or simply enjoying the fresh air, the day served as a meaningful escape, a reminder of resilience, and a celebration of strength.



Ben Kvanli, Olympic Outdoor Center owner, provided the kayaks and support. Breakfast and snacks were provided by Wounded Warriors at Nebo. The awesome photos catching incredible moments were taken by David Roberts. You can view all 170 photos he took and download as many as you want at dlroberts.zenfolio.com/201815397

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The lively conversations and shared laughter created bonds that transcended ranks and uniforms, fostering an atmosphere of unity and friendship.



Museum admission and lunch were compliments of Wounded Warriors at Nebo. Photos from the event were taken by David Roberts and can be seen at <https://wwnebo.org/photos> or by going to David Roberts' site: <https://dlroberts.zenfolio.com/p37436334>

Donations

This interdenominational ministry, based in Fredericksburg, Texas is a 501(c)(3) non profit and is financially supported by donations from those who wish to express their gratitude to our wounded warriors and by church and civic organizations from the local community. Funds donated are used to provide for class materials, housing, meals, entertainment and transportation.

Individuals wishing to support this ministry may send their **tax deductible** donation to:

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Checks should be made out to:
Wounded Warriors at Nebo or WWAN
(We still receive your gifts sent through FUMC)

Checks can also be dropped by or mailed to Fbg. United Methodist Church ofc. at 1800 N Llano Monday—Thursday, 9-12 & 1-4

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