## Wounded Warriors at Nebo

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This newsletter covers activities in the Third quarter of 2025.

## A Day on the Water

The first event of the 2025-2026 season was Kayaking the San Marcos River on September 11<sup>th</sup>. God provided a perfect day to be outside, both in and out of the water. Nine patients from the Soldiers Recovery Unit at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio met volunteers from Wounded Warriors at Nebo Ministry and Veterans Therapeutic Adventures at Kirby Lane Café.

Those of us not kayaking moved to the park where there are two waterfalls. While waiting for the arrival of our group, we enjoyed watching adults and kids go over the falls in tubes, and body surfing.

When our group arrived, two of the volunteers went over the falls first then banked their kayaks and positioned themselves in the river below the second falls to assist others when necessary. We



After a delicious brunch and some stimulating conversation, it was time to head to the river. Canoes had to be ported from the restaurant to the river where everyone donned life vests, received instructions and safety tips before heading down the river.

discovered there were several ways of successfully negotiating the pair of falls. 1) Land safely in the rapids at the bottom of the first one then glide through the second. (Continued on page 2) (Continued from page 1)

2) Safe landing and clearing the rapids then drifting around to go through the second drop backwards. 3) Getting stuck on the rocks at the entrance to the second falls or negotiating through backwards and flipping the kayak on landing.







Thankfully the volunteers were quick to assist the more adventurous. It was a day filled with laughter, courage, and connection.

These are just a sample of the 106 pictures captured by photographer David Roberts. To view them all go to Zenfolio | Dave Roberts | Kayaking SM 2025 09

Events like these remind us of the healing power of nature, community, and shared experience. Whether paddling through rapids or cheering from the shore, we were all part of something meaningful.

| Event Schedule<br>September 2025-May 2026 |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| September 11                              | Kayaking San Marcos |
| October 9                                 | Enchanted Rock      |
| December 5-7                              | Christmas R & R     |
| March 5                                   | Kayaking San Marcos |
| April 9                                   | Enchanted Rock      |
| May 1-3                                   | Family R & R        |
| May 4—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*: SRU Chaplain's office

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

## Who is eligible to attend events?

- <u>All Branches of the Military</u> active duty patients in treatment or transition along with their family and/or care provider.
- Veterans who were medically retired from the service and are still in the area are welcome. (see *Events* on website: wwnebo.org and complete form).
- Family events include children up to age 18 single and living at home. For extenuating circumstances email info@wwnebo.org with details or contact the chaplain.
- Bear in mind there is limited space for all events so sign up early.

You go nowhere by accident. Wherever you go, God is sending you, Wherever you are, God has put you there. He has a purpose in your being there. Christ Who indwells you has something He wants to do through you where you are. Believe this and go in His grace and love and power.

Rev. Richard C. Halverson (1916-1995)

#### 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.

## **Blessing Others**

Want to be part of something fun, meaningful and satisfying in addition to being blessed? That's just a glimpse into the benefits of being a part of the Wounded Warriors at Nebo ministry. The ministry began with the intent of blessing the wounded injured and ill during the Iraq and Afghanistan wars. We wanted to let them know they were not forgotten and that their sacrifices were acknowledged and appreciated. At that time, Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, TX had 700 to 1,000 patients in treatment and/or transition on any given day. It took some time and perseverance to gain their trust but once that happened it was wonderful. As we got to know the patients and their families, we found that we, the ministry, were being blessed. reminded us just how fortunate all of us are to have brave men and women who willingly put themselves at risk and their personal lives on hold to serve in the military to keep this country safe.

Thankfully the patient numbers at Fort Sam have gone down to approximately 100 for all branches of the service. Although the numbers are low, the need to know someone cares is still there. That's where you can help.

We need volunteers. After 15 years of service to the ministry, some of the board members are ready to retire. This provides a great opportunity for people with a servant's heart and a desire to help others. Some of the skills needed are bookkeeping, blogging and posting on our website and social media. Other simple computer, and organizational skills.

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## Make a Veteran's Day

Kerrville VA Medical Center Nursing Home is home to several disabled veterans, some with no family close. You'd be surprised what thirty minutes to an hour of conversation with someone does to lift their spirits. It helps them feel less forgotten and alone. If you would like to make a new friend and thank him or her for their service, contact Elizabeth Fargason at <a href="mailto:efargason@outlook.com">efargason@outlook.com</a> or Roylene Roberts at roylene8524@msn.com.

## **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:

Wounded Warriors at Nebo P.O. Box 574, Fredericksburg, Texas 78624

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

Online donations can be made at: wwnebo.org

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