

Wounded Warriors at Nebo

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This newsletter covers activities in the 4th quarter of 2023.

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.*

Retirees

Medically retired wounded warriors can now sign up for an event on our website. Active duty wounded, injured and ill in treatment or transition are still our main focus however, due to their declining numbers there is more space for retirees. We believe that wounded warriors don't stop needing care or a 'get away' just because they are retired. In fact, they may need it more since they are no longer with their 'buddies' daily. Therefore, with the help of some contacts at Ft. Sam, we are reaching out to retirees letting them know about up-coming events and giving them a way to sign up to attend them.

A form has been added to our website (wwnebo.org/Events) which can be used to request one of the spots reserved for retirees. When the spots have been filled any applicants remaining will be wait listed and notified if a spot becomes available. Each applicant will receive an acknowledgement that their request has been received and additional information and/or instructions.

Enchanted Rock

Chaplain Hatcher, who had assumed his assignment as Chaplain at the SRU (Soldier Recovery Unit) during the third quarter, brought eight (8) soldiers out to spend the morning exploring Enchanted Rock. This was the first trip to "The Rock" for most of the soldiers and for the chaplain.

They were met at the Enchanted Rock pavilion by Sharon Massey and Brenda Novian who had brought lots of breakfast items, fruit, cookies, etc. It was 60 degrees; perfect weather to be outside enjoying one of God's unique creations.

All made the hike to the summit most with a stop to enjoy the views or rest now and then while munching a homemade cookie.

Everyone worked up an appetite, so when all were back at the pavilion, they headed to Hondo's on Main for lunch. During lunch there was lots of conversation sharing experiences and getting acquainted with several board members. For dessert Sharon suggested ice cream at Clear River Ice Cream, Bakery & Deli. About half said they were too full but the others were game. When all was said and done, everyone got either ice cream or pastry before heading back to Ft. Sam.

Wounded Warriors at Nebo sends a **special thanks** for the homemade cookies made by members of the Ephraim Andrews chapter of the DAR. There wasn't one left! What the soldiers didn't eat at the park they took for a snack on the way back to San Antonio. We also thank Hondo's who always makes us feel welcome and gives us a break on the cost.

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Family Holiday—December 1-3

What a perfect weekend for being outside!! Evenings a light jacket or sweat shirt was sufficient and during the day it was warm enough that no wrap was required. Much better than the year it was freezing.

Fifteen families joined Wounded Warriors at Nebo in Fredericksburg for kicking off the Christmas season. Friday the annual Lighted Christmas Parade (the biggest one ever with 155 entries!) followed dinner at the Nimitz Ballroom. After checking in for dinner, everyone selected their favorite handknit cap.



The Nimitz Rotary Club cooked and hosted the dinner serving prime rib, smoked chicken, scalloped potatoes and french green beans. If guests still had room after all that, there were desserts provided by the Renovators Sunday School Class, Fredericksburg UMC. Needless to say, no one went away hungry.



After the parade, everyone scattered. Some going to check out the ice skating and other activities at Market Platz while others headed for the hotel.

Saturday everyone was on their own until lunch at Hondo's on Main then more exploring until dinner at St. Joseph's Halle.

The Catholic Daughters provided a delicious meal of smoked turkey, ham and various side dishes. And again, there were ample desserts to satisfy any sweet tooth. There was an activity area for kids who were not interested in "adult stuff". In addition, every child was able to pick at least one gift from the tables of gifts.



This was a really good group! Attending were both active duty and medically retired veterans. Among them there were singles, couples, and couples with children (in fact there were 25 children). Some of the attendees were old friends but most are new friends.



There are a lot of photos from the weekend you can view on our website. Above is my personal favorite. It's a well discovered during renovation of the ballroom.



Event Schedule September 2023-June 2024	
September	No Event
Oct. 12	Enchanted Rock
Nov 7-8	Fishing R & R Cancelled
Dec. 1-3	Christmas R & R
Jan 19	Cooking Class
Feb. 9	Cadre Team Building
Mar. 21	Enchanted Rock
April 12 or 19	Kayaking
May 3-5	Family R & R
*Sign Up: Active Duty Personnel in treatment or transition contact Chaplain Hatcher's office (210) 808-6606	
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	

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New Opportunity

We knew that the VA Hospital in Kerrville no longer functions as a hospital but as a medical clinic. However it is also a nursing home for veterans all with service related disabilities. We spoke with the administrator to determine what if anything Wounded Warriors at Nebo could do to help. The administrator suggested several ways we could volunteer and interact directly with the residence. She also provided us with a list of items needed for the 45 residence. At our next board meeting we unanimously voted to purchase some of the items for the veterans for Christmas. Each person received pajamas and slippers.



We plan to explore other opportunities available, especially those where we can interact directly with the veterans letting them know they are not forgotten.

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
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