# Wounded Warriors at Nebo

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This newsletter covers activities in the second quarter of 2020.

#### **Planning**

Historically Wounded Warriors at Nebo has not held weekend or day events during June, July and August. These months have been the ministry's "vacation time". In addition to resting and spending quality grandparenting time, we used these months to plan events for the next year (September through May). Therefore, the pandemic has not affected these events, yet.

It has, however, caused us to cancel card making classes at the Warrior Family Support Center at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio. Team members were teaching classes twice a month until mid March when the decision was made to suspend them. Coincidently the Warrior Family Support Center closed its doors around that same time in an effort to protect the soldiers in treatment and volunteers.

Looking forward, Wounded Warriors at Nebo has continued its planning for future events. We have been staying in contact with the Warrior Transition Unit Chaplain determine types of events and scheduling. We are also talking with management at the Warrior Family Support Center regarding re-opening. (To date there is no firm schedule in place).

Given the fact the soldiers in treatment have compromised immune systems and most of the Wounded Warriors at Nebo team members are in the high risk category for Covid-19

there are many other issues being addressed by the ministry. Among them are: 1) Will local churches be willing to host meals or should we send guests to restaurants; 2) Will guest house owners be willing to donate use of their property for a weekend event; 3) What facilities can safely be used for Marriage Retreat sessions; 4) Will we resume card classes at the Warrior Family Support Center and when.

We currently have a tentative schedule of weekend events including hotel reservations and a list of day events to be discussed with the chaplain. Obviously everything depends on safety for everyone involved and the military.

### Potential Events for 2020-2021

The following are very preliminary and contingent on COVID-19 status and actions of the Military.

## Overnight Events:

- Care Provider Retreats-either January or February;
- Marriage Retreats-February 5-7;
- Christmas R&R-December 4-6;
- Cadre R&R— January 15-17.

#### Day Events:

- Mission Walks
- Spiritual Fitness
- Care Provider Spa Day
- Fishing Day
- Golfing at Boot Ranch

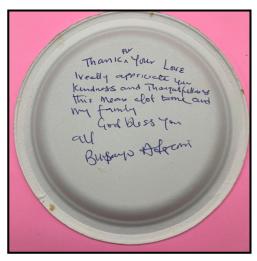
Updated information will be posted to our website (wwnebo.org) and our facebook page(facebook.com/ww.nebo) as it becomes available.

# Thank you Notes

Over the years we have received many expressions of appreciation from event participants regarding their experience during the weekend. Many are verbal while written ones are everything from a note on a napkin to beautiful cards and emails. The most unusual ones recently came from care providers after a weekend designed specifically for them. Having no paper available, they improvised and used paper plates. With permission, I just had to share a couple with you.



6.5" Paper Plate



Back of Same Plate

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

Maya Angelou, American Poet

#### **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.

"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt with the heart." -Helen Keller

"Life is like a box of Chocolates, You never know what you're going to get." -Forrest Gump

# 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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Wounded Warriors at Nebo or WWAN

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Online donations can be made at: www.ebo.org or fredumc.org

On the fredumc.org Home Page menu bar, Click Ministries, choose "Wounded Warriors at Nebo", Page down, click on "Donate" and follow instructions.

### **Local Vietnam Veteran Receives Help**

Elizabeth Fargason, Volunteer Coordinator for Wounded Warriors at Nebo, retired from the Army and is very active in Fredericksburg VFW Post 7105.

Last Fall Elizabeth told us about a local disabled Vietnam Veteran whose house was in disrepair. She said that Larry currently uses a walker and will possibly need a wheel chair in the future. Since his house was not handicap accessible he had a difficult time entering and exiting. We put her in contact with Texas Ramps who provided a ramp for him.

Fredericksburg VFW Post 7105 worked with 7 Days for the Troops and Purple Heart Home to raise enough money to renovate Larry's house to make it handicap assessable in addition to other much needed repairs and improvements.

Elizabeth worked tirelessly to help find a building contractor who would accept the challenge of repairing the house. In addition, along with other volunteers, she put in time and labor doing minor repairs and coordinating with the contractor to virtually oversee the entire project.

As this project nears completion here are some but not all of the repairs/improvements:

- Narrower kitchen cabinets installed that provide room for Larry to use his walker;
- Rotting floors in kitchen and bathrooms replaced;
- New carpet installed throughout the rest of the house;
- Water softener installed which will extend life of appliances;
- Handicap ramp installed on front porch;
- Porch repaired;
- Outside of house cleaned up and painted;
- New furnace and a/c unit to be installed;
- New water heater.

It should also be noted that some of these repairs and others not mentioned were a result of donated materials and labor.

Once again, local communities have demonstrated their love and support by lifting up one of its own who sacrificed so much for his country.





Nimitz Rotary Club Cleaning Yard and Preparing to Paint House.

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