

Wounded Warriors at Nebo

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This newsletter covers activities in the 3rd quarter of 2020.

Nimitz Golf Classic

On Friday, 11 September 2020, the Nimitz foundation hosted their annual Golf Classic. We were honored to be participants again this year. Eight (8) wounded and/or ill warriors who love to golf were invited to play in the tournament as guests and one (1) to ride in the back seat of a WWII airplane. They were a mix of medically retired and active duty representing different branches of the service.

Most arrived on Thursday so they would be fresh and rested for the tournament. They were treated to dinner at Hondo's on Main and dessert at Clear River Ice Cream, Bakery & Deli who donated tickets for free ice cream.

Friday morning was clear and sunny at Boot Ranch. However it was over cast at Lady Bird Johnson airport so take off was delayed until the ceiling met FAA requirements. WWII airplanes flew over Boot Ranch 'strafing' the area where golfers were gathered waiting for the games to begin.

Their acrobatics were curtailed somewhat as low hanging clouds had moved in. One of the planes carried a former Ranger now living in San Antonio after being medically retired.



In addition to playing golf there was an area to stop and shoot clay pigeons and another for shooting a crossbow. And lest anyone get hungry or thirsty, food & beverage stations were scattered throughout the golf course and beverage carts cruised the course.

Brad Bowen, Adaptive Sports Medicine, and I had a golf cart and over the course of the game were able to watch and photograph each of the warriors and their teams and sample the various food offerings.

Each of our golfers was placed with a foursome that welcomed them like old friends even providing a pointer or two along the way.



General Hagee (USMC Ret) and Senator Buckingham had their own golf cart and made it a point to stop and visit with golfers throughout the day.
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At the 19th hole celebration, it was obvious everyone had enjoyed the day and yes, there was more food and beverage. And to top it off, God blessed us with perfect weather. As if things couldn't get better, there was a wounded warrior on each of the three winning teams. WHAT A DAY!!



While the guys were golfing, the families that had come with them were in Fredericksburg shopping, enjoying lunch at West End Pizza and also enjoying the beautiful cool weather.



Wounded Warriors at Nebo is grateful to the Nimitz Foundation and Boot Ranch for the opportunity to bring these brave young men out to the Hill Country for an incredible experience. Both Hondo's on Main and West End Pizza worked with us to provide a fun safe dining experience in addition to donating some of the meals. And of course when you come to Fredericksburg you just have to indulge yourself at Clear River (who donated the ice cream and cookies). Everyone loved the chocolates that looked like a purple heart that were donated by Chocolat. Thanks also go to The Inn on Baron's Creek for the discounted rates!!



Where would we be without volunteers?? It took several to put the weekend together and others working in shifts to man the 5th hole hoping to witness someone making a hole in one for which they would win a new Cadillac. Unfortunately no one won.

All pictures from the event can be viewed on our website at wwnebo.org or [facebook.com/ww.nebo](https://www.facebook.com/ww.nebo)

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.*

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 dwells in 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)

In Other News

Nine years ago when this ministry first started, Sharon and Wayne Massey donated use of the first guest house we used to bring wounded warriors and families out for a weekend. Being a Marine veteran of three (3) wars, Wayne understood the importance of reintegration with family and society. All he asked was that we include Marines in our events. As you can see in his obituary following, he truly was a Marine with a generous heart.

William Wayne Massey

Nov. 19, 1924 – Sept. 14, 2020

William Wayne Massey, 95, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family on Monday, Sept. 14, 2020, in Fredericksburg, Texas.

A family graveside service will be held Friday, Sept. 25, 2020, at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio. Pastor George Lumpkin of Fredericksburg United Methodist Church will officiate. A retired Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Marine Corps, Wayne will be buried with military honors. Arrangements are by Fredericksburg Funeral Home and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. A memorial service will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 26, 2020, at McCurdy Creek Ranch in Fredericksburg.

Wayne was born Nov. 19, 1924, to Zela Catherine (Hollis) and Jess Robert Massey in Mills County, Texas. He went to school in Goldthwaite, Texas, then joined the Marine Corps immediately afterward to fight in World War II. He served our country as a veteran of three wars – World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

He was awarded the Bronze Star and received the Legion of Merit from President Lyndon Baines Johnson in 1972 for his outstanding service as Commanding Officer of the Marine Barracks, U.S. Naval Station, Sangley Point, in the Philippines from 1969 to 1971. As a result of his work improving relations between Cavite City and the naval station, Wayne was officially adopted as a “Son of Cavite” in 1971, an honor never before accorded to a Marine officer. He retired from the Marines after 28 years of service.

After his military service, Wayne was hired by William Wrigley as the CEO of the Catalina Island Corporation in California. He then became a real estate agent and developer and returned to Texas. He helped many folks design and build their dream homes in Fredericksburg, as owner of Massey Construction.

Wayne was married to Bobbie Louise Obenhaus, and they welcomed their daughter, Catherine Ann Massey, in 1958. Wayne married Sharon Beth McKenzie on March 20, 1982, adding her children, Peter and Emily McKenzie, to his family.

Wayne was active in the Rotary Club for many years, ultimately serving as President of the Fredericksburg Rotary Club and Governor of Rotary District 5840 from 1994 to 1995. He helped found the Fredericksburg High School Interact Club and the Fredericksburg Morning Club, as well as the District 5840 Hunger Plus Program. Wayne served as the District 5840 delegate to a Rotary Council of Legislation in India and was honored multiple times as a Paul Harris Fellow for his contributions to The Rotary Foundation. He and Sharon also hosted 10 international high school students over the years through Rotary Youth Exchange.

Wayne was preceded in death by his parents, former wife, and six siblings: brothers, Dale, Rob and Ralph Massey; and sisters, Fay Kight, Freda Caulder and Floy Rowlett.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon Beth, and his children and their spouses: Catherine and Thain Cashmore, Peter and Sophia McKenzie, Emily and Chris White, and honorary daughter Teresa Jenschke; his sister, Floree Shannon; eight grandchildren and two great-granddaughters.

Donation

In the process of closing their tasting room, Vintage Cellars realized they had a “Who Needs a Glass of Wine” board full of prepaid ‘drinks’. DeDe Threadgill decided to donate the money the board represented to two non profits in Fredericksburg: the Mom Center and Wounded Warriors at Nebo. While we are saddened that they are closing, we are grateful that DeDe blessed us with this donation.



L-R: DeDe Threadgill, Rhonda Dickson, Bailey Threadgill, Jackie Heupel, Dottie Pieper

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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Wounded Warriors at Nebo or WWAN
(We still receive your gifts sent through FUMC)

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