

## OUR MISSION



Warrior Bonfire Program provides opportunities that improve the lives of enemy combat-wounded veterans—Purple Heart recipients—on their lifelong journey of recovery and healing. We create activity-based, small group retreats that foster healing, build support communities, and transform lives.



*We strive to build support communities, foster healing and improve the lives of those we serve*



**PAIN SHARED IS PAIN DIVIDED;  
JOY SHARED IS JOY MULTIPLIED**

## OUR STORY

Bonfire Retreats are recreational therapy based, multi-day events that are reserved primarily for six Purple Heart Veterans. Bonfire retreats provide opportunities for wounded veterans, in small groups of six, to enjoy a favorite activity while partaking in the camaraderie and therapeutic value of spending time around the bonfire with fellow veterans while promoting Post-Traumatic Healing and the building of support communities, fostering healing and improving lives. Each retreat is concluded with a bonfire including a U.S. Flag retirement ceremony providing participants with an opportunity to honor fallen comrades.

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***"This was my 2<sup>nd</sup> trip. Each event (regardless of the actual activities) helps a little more and heals a little more. Even if you think you don't need it, you can impact others. The key is making the commitment and going on your first WBF Retreat. Thanks to the retreat volunteers and hosts that give their time and resources. Plus you might learn something: who knew there was a professional crappie circuit!" – Purple Heart Warrior***

## IMPACT IN 2023

**\$735,096** MONETARY DONATIONS  
+ **\$313,070** IN-KIND DONATIONS  

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**\$1,048,116** TOTAL DONATIONS

 **32**  
**BONFIRES**

 **OVER**  
**7,100**  
VOLUNTEER HOURS

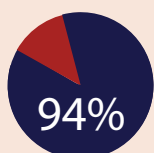
**OPPORTUNITIES**  
SINCE 2013

 **1,154** VETERANS  
 **130** SPOUSES

**93%**  
OF PARTICIPANTS SAY  
THE BONFIRE HAD A  
POSITIVE IMPACT ON  
THEIR LIVES



**IMPACT**  
THE BONFIRES IMPACT:



**PROGRAM  
EXPENSES  
TO TOTAL  
EXPENSES**

 **6**  
**CAMPFIRES**

LIFE IMPROVING: **95%**  
BUILDING SUPPORT: **97%**  
FOSTER HEALING: **96%**