

2024 YEARBOOK



**WARRIOR
BONFIRE PROGRAM**

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Dear Friends and Supporters of the Warrior Bonfire Program,

As the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Warrior Bonfire Program, it is both a privilege and a responsibility to share with you the impact our organization has had on the lives of our Purple Heart recipients.

The Warrior Bonfire Program was founded in 2012 by Dan and Hunter Fordice, both veterans: to honor and empower our injured purple heart recipients by providing them with opportunities that improve the lives of enemy combat-wounded veterans. Through activity-based, stress-free programs we strive to promote camaraderie and therapeutic healing so that our veterans can thrive beyond their service and overcome the challenges they face.

Since our inception, we have witnessed countless stories of resilience and transformation. Our programs not only offer physical and emotional healing but also foster lasting bonds among our purple hearts and their families. The bonds built between our purple heart recipients on these retreats are crucial as they navigate the complexities of life after service.

None of this would be possible without the unwavering support of individuals like you. Your generous contributions have enabled us to expand our reach, enrich our program, and touch the lives of more purple hearts each year. Together, we are making a real difference in the lives of those who have sacrificed so much for our country.

As we look to the future, we remain committed to our mission and vision. We are constantly seeking new ways to innovate and improve our programs, ensuring that we meet the evolving needs of our veterans and their families. With your continued support, we can build on our successes and create even greater opportunities for our nation's heroes.

I invite you to join us in our mission. Whether through volunteering, fundraising, or spreading awareness, your involvement can make a meaningful impact. Together, we can ensure that every purple heart receives the support and recognition they deserve.

Thank you once again for your generosity and commitment to the Warrior Bonfire Program. Your support is truly invaluable and deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,



Keestan Cole
Chairman of the Board of Directors
Warrior Bonfire Program



Greetings,

It's my great honor to serve as President of WBP, and I'm thrilled to share what a monumental year it's been for the organization and our members. The year 2024 has been one of growth and deep connection for both the WBP team and our Purple Heart recipient members.

With the addition of new adventure retreats, grassroots community engagement initiatives and partnerships with other non-profit military-veteran organizations, we have been able to create more opportunities, increase awareness of WBP in new areas of the country and expand our membership. This expansion has resulted in signing 108 new Purple Hearts, and we are excited to support them on their healing journey in the weeks, months, and years ahead.

Our camaraderie building, peer-to-peer support model is thriving. The feedback from the member community supports our strategy.

"After that trip, I can honestly say that suicide is off the table. I learned from the others that were there, that have invisible wounds like me, that I AM worth it, my service did count, that it's ok to use the resources available. Not abuse them but to use them to make my life better so that I can help others through the experience I have been through." – Kelly – Purple Heart Recipient

"Warrior Bonfire Program doesn't feel like a program, it feels like a community and that's unique! I cannot thank you enough for this amazing opportunity." Tim – Purple Heart Recipient

Ultimately, none of this would be possible without the generosity of our corporate partners, sponsors and individual donors and we cannot thank you enough for your commitment to our common goal of supporting as many Purple Heart heroes and their partners as possible. 2024-2025 looks to be an equally exciting year with the adventures we have lined up for our Purple Heart warriors and we are so grateful you're on this journey with us.

Very Respectfully,



Mike Foss, Lieutenant Colonel, US Army (retired)
President, Warrior Bonfire Program

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Top Volunteers

Significant Volunteers - Retreat Hosts, Organizers & Facilitators;
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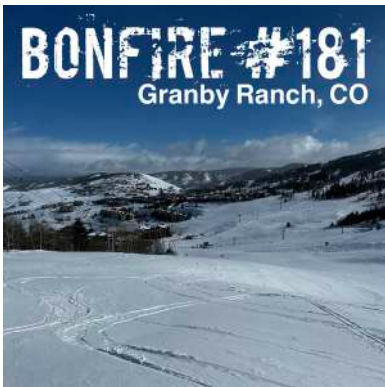


January 4 – 7, 2024

Founders Hunt | Valley Park, MS

Valley Park Plantation in the Mississippi delta is where it all began in 2012 when a group of combat wounded veterans were sitting around a campfire and Greg Williams commented that this is what he needed. He continued that he could work with a PhD certified counselor all day and not come close to the therapeutic value of sitting around a campfire with others that had been there. Dan Fordice responded, “well then we will build a bonfire!” Now more than ten years later we are building bonfires across the country offering thousands of therapeutic experiential retreats, and the first one every year is the Founders Hunt.

“This event had me open up about something I’ve been holding on to since 2006 and didn’t plan to ever say anything about it. I felt comfortable enough that I just broke down”



February 4 – 10, 2024

Colorado Winter Adventures | Granby, CO

Colorado Winter Adventures is our longest retreat and nearly our longest running retreat annually at 12 years. Hosted at Granby Ranch Resort in Granby, CO, with lodging on the slopes, this mountain/area provide a wonderfully supportive environment to learn to ski. WBP partners with the National Sports Center for the Disabled to assist teaching members with prosthetics to ski, snowboard, or sit ski, while the rest work with a private instructor. Learning new things is incredibly good for those living with traumatic brain injuries, and learning collectively in a group together creates an overwhelming sense of joy for others’ success along with your own.

“I can not express how grateful I am to not only the leadership but the amazing volunteers who made this experience possible”



February 15 - 18, 2024

Sawblade Outfitters Hunt | Macon, GA

This venue and its generous owners were introduced to us through a connection at The Barn Group and after our first retreat there in 2023, Sawblade Outfitters quickly signed on to host an annual event. This venue is beautiful and comfortable for our members and has a spectacular outdoor kitchen and dining area adjacent to a supreme firepit with seating. The hunt consists of a night time thermal pig hunt, duck, quail, and pheasant hunting during the days, and fishing on the side. The host Kenny and Debbie McCrimmon open their doors to provide lodging, food, hunting licenses, and hunting & fishing equipment.

“Kenny, his wife and crew go all out to make the lives of these guys a little bit brighter”



March 14 – 18, 2024

Bataan Memorial Death March | White Sands, NM

The Bataan Memorial Death March spans 26 miles in the desert, uniting thousands of military personnel (active duty, veterans, and civilians) to honor the approximately 10,000 prisoners of war who died, including 1,000 Americans, under Japanese captivity. For participants from the Warrior Bonfire Program, this event is a chance to set goals, train as a team, and overcome challenging conditions like extreme temperatures and diverse terrain. Many marchers have overcome significant physical challenges, including prosthetics and severe injuries, defying initial expectations of never walking again. Since 2017, the Warrior Bonfire Program has actively participated in the march, also visiting White Sands National Monument, touring White Sands Missile Range, and meeting survivors of the 1942 Bataan March.





March 15 – 18, 2024

Lake Sam Rayburn Fishing | Jasper, TX

Eight years and counting the WBP has been hosted by our now Chairman of the Board, Keestan Cole, at Lake Sam Rayburn for an incredible fishing excursion. The lakefront home offers a beautiful view allowing for the perfect balance of rest and relaxation when not on the water. Every morning a Purple Heart participant is matched with a professional fishing guide and taken out on the lake to learn new skills and techniques to achieve success at an activity that opens the doors to greater healing. The benefits of fishing are both mental and physical. Mentally it offers a connection with nature through serenity, fresh air, and rhythmic motion allowing for reduced stress, depression and anxiety. Physically it provides exposure to sunlight for vitamin D, it is a low impact exercise improving cardiovascular health, improves cognitive function through problem solving and lifelong learning.



March 22 - 25, 2024

Leaders Retreat | Valley Park, MS

The Warrior Bonfire Program is dedicated to empowering Purple Heart recipients on their healing journey. Through the Beyond the Bonfire Program, alumni can give back as Bonfire Leaders. In Valley Park, MS, veterans gather amidst natural beauty for workshops in personal growth, leadership, and community service, guided by experienced mentors. These leaders, with firsthand experience of member challenges, play a crucial role in the program's success.

The leader program ensures consistent, high-quality retreats, meeting member expectations. When a Purple Heart recipient recommends the Warrior Bonfire Program, they ensure a supportive environment for their fellow veterans.

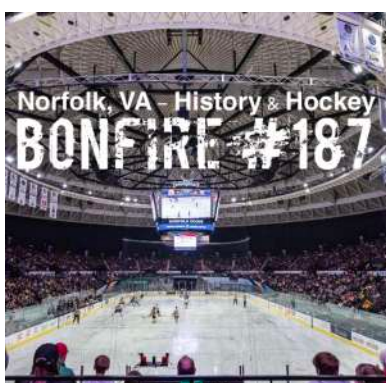


April 2 - 6, 2024

Georgia Fish & Turkey | Lula, GA

The concept of a bucket list often takes on a profound significance for those who have faced mortality firsthand. For veterans who have lost friends in combat or have come perilously close to losing their own lives, the Warrior Bonfire Program offers a chance to check off items from that list in a spirit of celebration and defiance. Who would have thought you could camp and hunt on the grounds of a raceway, but that's just what Purple Hearts got to do on the Michelin Raceway Road Atlanta in a private campsite provided by Chapman Fence Company. With a gated privacy fence erected in no time, they weren't there to watch races, but to turkey hunt, fish, and even take a spin in the pace corvette!

"I checked things off my bucket list this weekend that I didn't even know I had on that list!"



April 4 – 8, 2024

History & Hockey Adventures | Norfolk, VA

History & Hockey in Norfolk, Virginia took us back to the very early days of our nation to the time of the American Revolution at Colonial Williamsburg. Here, hearts were set on fire by Thomas Jefferson and Marquis de Lafayette, by reminding us that the republic must be defended and that the principles of the Declaration of Independence still hold true today. The next stop was the USS Wisconsin, one of the US Navy's largest and last built battleships, followed by climbing the 191 steps of the Cape Henry Lighthouse at Fort Story. Lastly, as guests of the Norfolk Admirals Hockey organization the group cheered the team to victory after receiving a standing ovation when introduced over the jumbotron.





April 11 – 15, 2024

Couples on the Coast Adventures | Gulf Shores, AL

The Couples on the Coast Retreat aims to enhance marital awareness through fun activities, communication tools, and shared experiences with others facing similar challenges from combat wounds. In a small group setting, married couples explore their love languages (Words of Affirmation, Quality Time, Receiving Gifts, Acts of Service, or Physical Touch) which sparks meaningful discussions and mutual understanding. The retreat focuses on fostering happiness, health, and marital longevity, recognizing spouses as crucial support networks. In addition to sessions, activities include a Segway eco-tour, surf fishing, visits to Fort Morgan and the Naval Museum, and romantic sunset strolls are required and greatly enjoyed by all.

"This was amazing. After 30 years of marriage, this was just the refresher we needed"



April 19 - 23, 2024

Talladega Superspeedway | Talladega, AL

The idea that spending time at a NASCAR race weekend at Talladega Superspeedway and Dirt Track with thousands of people potentially acting badly could be therapeutic doesn't really make sense, but we have witnessed it firsthand! Surprisingly the environment provides opportunities for bonding and connection as well as being able to work through anxiety tendencies while being among those that can recognize signs and assist if needed. As VIP guests of Big Machine Racing, Our Motorsports, and World of Outlaws Late Models WBP Purple Heart Members are given access to secure locations with smaller crowds and no alcohol, driver introductions, lots of swag, and even honorary name and logo decals on cars. For members who never considered themselves much NASCAR fans, the unique experience and great support on this bonfire has left many craving more.



April 25 – 29, 2024

Wisconsin Turkey Hunt | St. Croix Falls, WI

Working in partnership with the Wisconsin DNR this retreat centered around learning to hunt turkeys. Each member was assigned a guide for each outing. The guide's goal was to harvest one turkey per hunter but for visiting Purple Hearts, those goals were very different. They set out for peace and quiet, a chance to decompress, and to once again be on a mission. Prize turkeys were harvested and the joy and thrill of a successful hunt by many was outstanding. However, they were all surprised by what transpired between the guide and the veteran. Relationships, understanding, mutual appreciation and respect.

"I have the most incredible feelings of joy and comfort when I reflect on what just occurred over the weekend"



May 3 – 6, 2024

Healing Through Homesteading | Daphne, AL

A full-on homesteading property in south Alabama hosted Purple Heart spouses for an incredible experience. For those burdened by the weight of war's aftermath, an introduction to the simplicity of homesteading offers respite from the complexities of modern life. The participants were educated on various techniques from the art of starting seeds, foraging, making soaps, and caring for farm animals to indulging in farm-to-table meals. Every moment was a delight for the senses. For spouses of combat wounded veterans, particularly those who bear witness to the invisible wounds of war, homesteading offers a means of reclaiming agency and autonomy.

"I can't express my gratitude enough; it was such a wonderful experience!"





May 23 – 28, 2024

Fleet Week | Beachwood, NJ

Fleet Week New York event was another opportunity for some Alumni Members to participate in the Warrior Bonfire's Beyond the Bonfire Program as Ambassadors. With the Warrior Bonfire tent and information booth front and center of the show, these Purple Hearts could share their experiences on retreats, raise awareness, and encourage support from thousands that visited with the Purple Hearts. In addition to giving back to the organization while working the booth, this group also had the opportunity to bond and enjoy themselves during the week when they went fishing off the New Jersey shore, relaxed on the beach, toured New York City, and visited the 9/11 Memorial and Museum.



May 30 - Jun 3, 2024

Florida East Coast Adventures | Fort Pierce, FL

Florida East Coast Adventures retreat provides an optimum experiential therapeutic event. This retreat started with one half day of offshore fishing followed by a quick course on cleaning and cooking the catch, with the second day being a beach day, and lastly a fun but competitive day of clay shooting. The Warrior Bonfire Program routinely analyzes feedback at the completion of every retreat to make improvements where possible. The balance between recreational activities and downtime is important to our members and a suggestion we are hearing more often. They are looking for more time to converse, discover solutions to the challenges they are facing, and build friendships.



June 17 – 22, 2024

Give Back Work Week | Valley Park, MS

Give Back Work Weeks are designed to offer Warrior Bonfire Purple Heart Members the opportunity to show their appreciation to the individuals who have hosted retreats on their property repeatedly for more than five years by attending a weeklong event at that property to do repairs, maintenance, or enhancement projects. Although these property owners are very capable of these projects on their own, these Give Back Work Weeks allow for greater growth and healing post trauma. When a person reaches a place where they are ready to do for others versus focusing on themselves is when true healing begins. Through the Warrior Bonfire Beyond the Bonfire program, opportunities are created to facilitate this part of the journey.

"What better way to say thank you than to help someone in return"



June 19 – 24, 2024

Warfighter SCUBA Bonfire | Ottawa, OH

Scuba Diving is tremendous for those living with traumatic brain injuries. It requires silence, focus, rhythmic breathing, and calm emotions. Diving quiets the mind and creates surrounding peace. For these reasons the Warrior Bonfire Program works with Warfighter Scuba to provide training and certification at Gilboa Quarry in Ohio. Following all guidelines, medical clearances, and courses through Scuba School International (SSI), participants earn their certification and are now ready for a whole new world of adventures. Camping on this Bonfire Adventure is an added bonus, because much of the day is underwater the camping component allows for lots of communication as they are free of outside noise and electronics.

"I had an amazing time & I am forever grateful for this opportunity. It's been life changing"





June 20 – 24, 2024

Colorado Summer Adventures | Granby, CO

Located in the beautiful Rocky Mountains this group went downhill mountain biking at Granby Ranch, soaked in the Hot Sulfur Springs, visited Winter Park for a gondola ride, mini-golf, and shopping and lastly kayaked on Grand Lake at 8,400 feet. When active duty military and/or veterans are put together in small groups, 99% of the time they connect quickly and act as if they have known each other for years. Laughter and joy radiate from them throughout the retreat. Although past pain brings these men and women together, they collectively choose not to stay there.

"I haven't had a smile on my face this big for this long in years!"

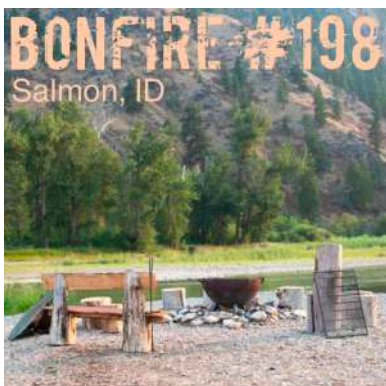


June 27 – July 1, 2024

Strong Heart Spouses in Colorado | Granby, CO

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"We are all about encouraging & building each other up and supporting the fact that we are choosing to continue to care and love our Purple Heart husbands no matter how hard it gets"



July 5 – 9, 2024

Idaho Adventures | Salmon, ID

Nestled amid towering pines and crystal clear waters, this retreat allowed for adventure to meet tranquility. We spent our days rafting, swimming, and fly fishing in the Salmon River and our nights in a charming log cabin lodge. Being out in nature really calms the nerves and quiets the chaos in the mind, it allows our Purple Heart members to have a reset, and a chance to remember how to stop and take long deep breaths. The retreats can serve as a place for our members to burn into their minds and memories so that when placed back in their daily lives and stressors take hold, they can close their eyes, focus on these peaceful experiences and breathe!



July 18 – 22, 2024

Battle Lake Adventures | Battle Lake, MN

Warrior Bonfire started traveling to Battle Lake in 2022 to enjoy time on a beautiful lake for serenity and fun. The retreat is filled with fishing, swimming, boating, horseback riding, hiking and stepping over the Mississippi River at its headwater at Itasca State Park. Battle Lake is named for the 18th-century battle between the Ojibwe and Sioux Indians, and it is a beautiful place for Purple Heart recipients to fight together to win their inner battles!

"Being amongst others who face the same problems as myself is extremely helpful, as we are able to share with one another stories and problems in our lives that many of our friends and family are unable to fully understand or assist us with. I have made some permanent friends"





July 24 – 28, 2024

California Couples | San Diego, CA

Warrior Bonfire Couples Retreats aim to offer an opportunity to bring greater awareness of the importance of good communication based on each individual's personality and love language. The most important relationship in a combat wounded warriors' life is likely the relationship with their spouse, their primary caregiver and support person, and this program strives to impress upon the participants that the foundation of this relationship for them must be solid with healthy communication.



August 9 – 11, 2024

Diamonds & Dog Tags | Poughkeepsie, NY

The first New York Diamonds & Dog Tags weekend retreat where our special guests, Purple Hearts and their spouses enjoyed a tour of West Point, walks along the Hudson River, and a grand night at The Grandview to celebrate with supporters, donors, and board members at our annual charity event. Here they had the opportunity to meet our guest speaker Nick Lavery and musician Dave Bray USA and participate in a very moving Bonfire Ceremony alongside Gold Star Mothers. We discovered that connecting Purple Hearts with Gold Star Mothers is a very powerful exchange and the hugs between these two groups brought a very special level of healing.



August 18 – 23, 2024

Wisconsin Adventures | St. Croix Falls, WI

Set in a small town with lots of great Americans supporting this retreat, the members of the Warrior Bonfire get to relax, enjoy the activities, and feel greatly appreciated. This retreat is based in St. Croix Falls near the beautiful St. Croix River. Over the years our groups have kayaked, fished, experienced equine therapy sessions, witnessed the birth of a calf at a traditional old fashioned dairy farm, took paddleboat cruises, dipped their toes in Lake Superior, rode trains, attended a Twins baseball game, and went whitewater rafting. Here the activities change every year, but the outcome is always the same.



September 15 – 20, 2024

City To Shore Adventures | New York/New Jersey

For some a visit to ground zero would be too difficult, but for others it is long overdue. The need to see where their battle began, helps in the healing journey. Visiting the 9/11 Memorial and Museum can be challenging but all agree that being there with others that fully understand the aftermath was crucial for the continued process of putting all the pieces back together. Throughout this event the group tours landmarks throughout New York City to include the Intrepid, State of Liberty, and Time Square. We then transitioned to New Jersey, for some fun on the boardwalk, a sponsored visit to the arcade, fishing, and R&R with a beach day on the Jersey Shore.





September 26 – 30, 2024

California Dreamin' | San Diego, CA

All the things that make a visit awesome in southern California happen on this annual retreat! San Diego has a strong military presence making it a superb location for our Purple Hearts. Annually we attend the famous Miramar Airshow, tour the USS Midway, and strut in as VIP's at the Poway Rodeo! Although there are many fantastic things to see, we turn up the activity by taking the helm on a sailing yacht, jet skiing in the bay, and enjoying sunsets and campfires on the beach. Nine years in a row we have visited San Diego as our members immensely enjoy this opportunity to do a little dreaming in California!

"It is for Purple Heart recipients which is a smaller group of veterans who understand and relate to the exact feelings, stresses, and thoughts we feel."



September 26 – 30, 2024

American Patriot Adventures | Boston, MA

Warrior Bonfire has tapped into the importance of connecting our members to the history of this great nation by visiting historic landmarks and taking part in experiences that are America's treasures. American Patriot Adventures annually takes us on a tour of historical Boston where we have fired the cannon on the USS Constitution, tossed tea in the Boston Harbor, walked the The Freedom Trail, and caught a Red Sox game at Fenway. The second half of this retreat the group goes fishing on the Long Island Sound, participates in a Native American ceremony in a Mohegan Sweat Lodge with the tribe's lodge-keeper, picks the best apples on an apple farm, and lodges at Camp Nett.



October 3 – 7, 2024

Mississippi Outdoors | Brandon, MS

On this event our Purple Heart's spend two days of crappie fishing with one-on-one guided outings, followed by learning about the gun-slinging community across the country through a hands on lesson and shooting course using pistols from the 1800's with the Mississippi Peacemakers! The fun continues at Cypress Point Resort, petting and connecting with exotic animals on a safari. Lastly, supported by the Mississippi Department of Wildlife and Fisheries the group experiences clay shooting at the pristine course of Turcotte Shooting Range.



October 17 – 21, 2024

Warrior Pheasant Hunt | Pierre, SD

For more than nine years the Warrior Bonfire Program has partnered with The Ranch Ministries at Korkow Ranch in South Dakota. Not only is this a top pheasant hunting location, it is rich in rodeo history as a top producer of rodeos and bucking stock. The experiences at the ranch are endless. We get to shoot clays in "the ring of fire", race go carts, shoot a Gatlin gun, go fishing, ride horses, view the mustangs and bulls, and certainly, pheasant hunt.

The ranch is a magical place, you are loved like family, with loads of volunteers ready and waiting with hugs, laughter, or a plate of food. Here they face the tragedy of suicide head on and stand ready to battle with you.





October 30 - November 3, 2024

Featherhorn Farm Warrior Hunt | Pinewood, SC

For more than eight years this event has been a staple event for the WBP. We are invited to participate annually because it became apparent to the hosts that we were serious about our vetting system. We require that any member wanting to attend a hunt must travel with us in a previous non-hunt capacity. Our number one priority is safety, the second is a need for healing and a desire to heal through camaraderie, support, and joy. Not to simply hunt. The hosts can be assured that we are bringing in responsible Purple Hearts that will respect their property and be grateful for the opportunity.



December 4 - 8, 2024

Letterkenny Army Depot Deer Hunt | Chambersburg, PA

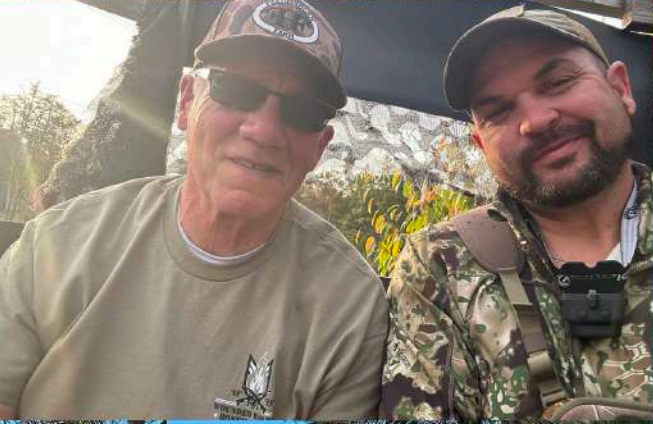
For more than eight years the Warrior Bonfire Program has worked with the Whitetail Warrior Program, Inc. out of Huntsville, AL. They have hosted multiple deer hunts throughout Alabama and donated funds annually. Their organization has moved toward being a funding entity to support other like-minded non-profits versus hosting events themselves. This move brought us an incredible experience to take part in a deer hunt hosted by the commanders at Letterkenny Army Depot, in Pennsylvania in 2023 and now for a second time in 2024. A new set of relationships has formed and we are invited back for 2025 with even more local support!



December 6 - 10, 2024

Island Adventures | Rincon, PR

Island Adventures has quickly become our most popular event! The serene primary location sits high overlooking the ocean offering a great spot to start and end the day. With coffee cups in hand and a gorgeous sunrise, troubled souls melted away and they were off to conquer whatever the day had in store, whether it was snorkeling, offshore fishing, hiking to Catarata Gozalandia waterfall, or fun on the beach! Back at the condo to close the days with breathtaking sunsets the group relaxed and put into action our slogan, "Pain Shared is Pain Divided, Joy Shared is Joy Multiplied."



2024



August 10, 2024

Location | Poughkeepsie, NY

Guest Speaker | Nick Lavery

Entertainment | Dave Bray USA

Master of Ceremonies | Lara Jones

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I had an amazing session with Laura! she helped me get to the bottom of my issue on our very first session. I was feeling a bit doom and gloom but now I am feeling excited, motivated and lighter. she made me feel safe and I cannot wait to continue working with her!

This was a must try experience. Bec helped me unlock inner feelings, and see a future version of myself that I was proud to be.

Loved my session with Carys. I feel like we got to the root of my issue quickly and learned some steps that I could take immediately to start to get better!

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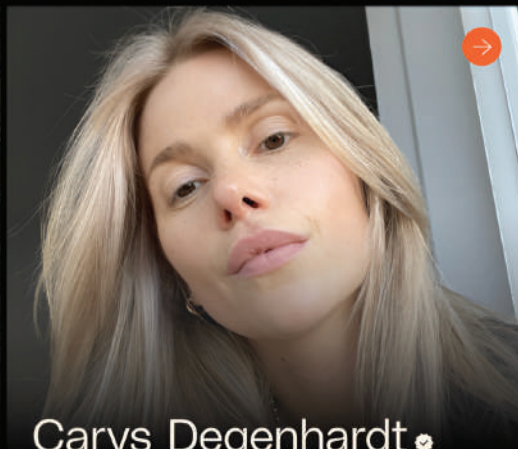


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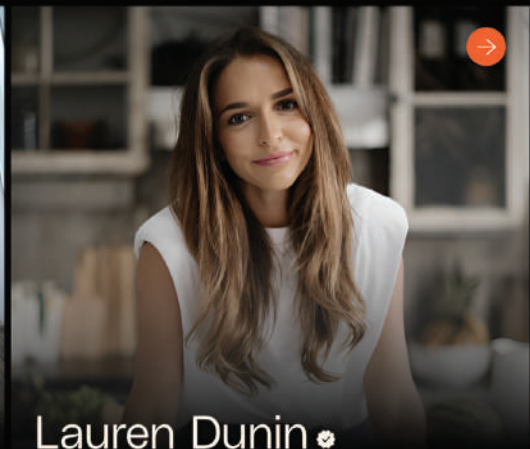
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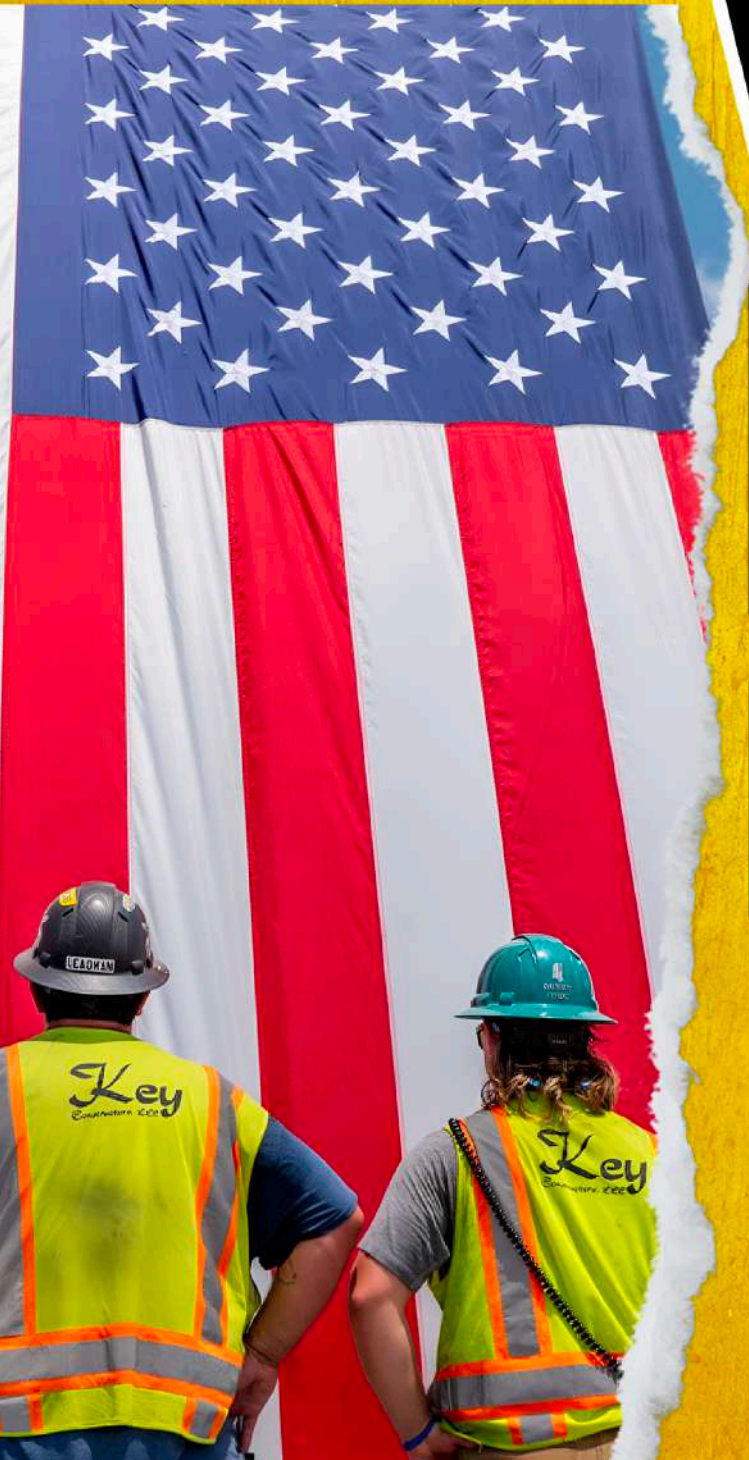

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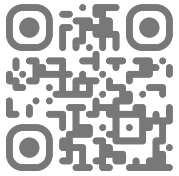


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