



FOUR SEASONS OF HOPE

A Year In Review

2008

From The President...

Dear Friends-

As we come to the close of 2008, it is a pleasure to reflect on the past 12 months not only to prepare for the coming year but to remember the inspiring stories of fortitude that daily strengthen the ideals on which Hope For The Warriors™ was founded.

Our Immediate Needs program grew exponentially this year as the needs of our service members and their caretakers continues to rise. We anticipate increased need for immediate financial support in the coming year and are prepared to meet those needs.

A Warrior's Wish™ granted Wishes ranging from deposits for modified homes, bathroom remodels, golf clubs, to flying lessons. The possibilities remain endless and there is nothing more gratifying then granting a "Wish" to restore hope in the eye of a hero.

2008 celebrated graduations with several of our scholarship winners while we sent 11 special women back to school with a renewed sense of pride and hope. New York City opened her arms to celebrate our Spring 2008 winners during a weekend filled with tributes to the military spouse.

The Hope & Morale Program was established in 2008 in an effort to provide respite from grueling rehab schedules and daily therapies. Trips and events throughout the year offered an opportunity for adventures essential for a warrior's morale and recovery.

Signature events filled the calendar this year, giving the public an opportunity to thank our heroes and provide financial support to Hope For The Warriors™. In addition to the growth of our event calendar, our staff

grew. Hope For The Warriors™ boasts a committed team of talented and driven women whose dedication to our mission is evident by the success we have shared in serving the wounded community.

In 2008, we experienced the courage and resolute spirit of today's wounded service members tantamount to their warrior ethos. We were inspired by the resilience and devotion of the families and caretakers. We were privileged to be stewards of the support provided by a loyal nation. Our reflection fills us with a renewed sense of commitment to ensure that sacrifices, so freely given, are never forgotten and hope is imminent.

We welcome each of you to join us in 2009 to further our mission.

With deepest gratitude,
Robin Kelleher

Thanks!
For Your Support

To all who have donated to Hope for the Warriors™, you have helped make a difference in the lives of many brave Americans who have sacrificed in the name of freedom!

We extend special recognition to our top corporate donors in 2008:

- ❖ Altria Client Services
- ❖ Marine Corps Celebrity Golf Classic
- ❖ Marine Federal Credit Union
- ❖ Carolina Pines Men's Golf Association
- ❖ Burger King Corporation
- ❖ Stevenson Automotive
- ❖ Furniture Fair
- ❖ Bob Woodruff Foundation
- ❖ Wal-Mart
- ❖ New Water Street Corporation
- ❖ Plaza Construction
- ❖ Lathrop Company

Thank you for giving new HOPE to our heroes!

Spouse Scholarships

Brooklyn: Ft Hamilton Army Lodge – Scholarship Ceremony and Home Front Hero Celebration

Amidst the nostalgia and charm of the old fort, Hope For The Warriors™ had the distinct honor to award four of its biannual scholarships to US military spouses of wounded and fallen warriors in the amount of \$5,000.

The 2008 Spring Scholarship Award Recipients Are:

Melanie Morgan

The Shannon Maxwell Honorary Scholarship

Susan Callendar

The Bonnie Amos Honorary Scholarship

Meaghan Long

The Karin Dickerson Honorary Scholarship

Stephanie Swisher

The Robin Kelleher New Beginnings Scholarship



Awards Ceremony at Ft. Hamilton

Wounded warrior spouse scholarship recipients along with Gold Star Mothers were hosted by Hope For The Warriors™ in New York City from January 18th through the 21st. It was an unprecedented weekend of celebration and shared healing with other families, who have struggled with the wounds and losses of the global war on terror, including the FDNY and NYPD families. Mr. John Vigiano, Fire Chief Retired, transported the families through New York City, quickly becoming a part of the group's extended family.



Mr. Vigiano and members of the FDNY

In the heart of Times Square, outside the Armed Forces Recruiting Station, Hope For The Warriors™ President, Robin Kelleher, recognized the scholarship recipients, wounded service members, gold star mothers, NYPD and FDNY.



Times Square

Afterward, Carmines Restaurant provided the perfect Southern Italian lunch for our group where we were honored by a visit from the Chief of FDNY, Chief Salvatore Cassano. The celebration continued on at FDNY Ladder 4 Fire House with delicious NY style desserts.



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In 2008 over \$1 Million was raised to support Hope For The Warriors™ Programs.

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Lee Ielpi (left), Iris and Joe Torrillo provided the group with an insiders' view of the events of 9-11, having lost their own family members on 9-11 and shared the amazing healing power of the WTC Tribute Center.



WTC Tribute Center

The Fall 2008 Scholarship Award Recipients are:

Stephanie Edmundson

The Shannon Maxwell Honorary Scholarship

Rhiannon Reigelsperger

The Bonnie Amos Honorary Scholarship

Maria Hiester

The Karin Dickerson Honorary Scholarship

Melanie Bishop

The Robin Kelleher New Beginnings Scholarship

Meaghan Long

The SPC Daniel A. Desens Jr. Memorial Scholarship

Christy Burkart

The Sidney Popkin Memorial Scholarship

Tia Brooking

Continuing Education Scholarship

Sponsored by the Swansboro Rotary Club (\$1,000)

Congratulations to the 2008 scholarship recipients! ■

In 2008, *42 families* graced the hallowed halls of Warrior Houses I and II for a total of *315 days*.

The Warrior Houses™, donated by Atlantic Marine Corps Communities, provide transitional, guest housing for wounded families until they can find suitable long-term housing. In addition, they offer lodging for families visiting wounded service members and for wounded returning for unit homecomings at Camp Lejeune.

Hope and Morale

The Warrior Hope & Morale Program was launched in May 2008 with 15 wounded service members and medical attendants from Brooke Army Medical Center and the Center for the Intrepid in San Antonio, Texas participating in a range of activities during Fleet Week, New York City. Each aspect of this kick-off event was well supported by the generosity of individuals and organizations both locally in New York City and throughout the country. Among those many supporters include the NYPD, FDNY, Mr. Arnold Fisher, Mr. Rich Wood and the people of Plaza Construction and the New York Labor Union. Additionally, Mr. Harry Bridgwood and Friends of the Vietnam Veterans Plaza, Mr. George Harvey and MSA, and Mr. John Vigiano and his FDNY volunteer's also provided assistance.



Overlooking NYC from 7 World Trade Center

This five day trip from May 22 – May 27, when NYC rolled out the red carpet for these American Heroes, began shortly after touching down in the city, when NYC's Bravest, The FDNY Football team, hosted a dinner at nearby Ft. Hamilton Army Base to honor the wounded service members.



Our wounded warriors and the FDNY

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The following morning, they received a Hero's welcome upon arriving at an active Plaza Construction site. Later that morning the group participated in the USMC World Trade Center Memorial Run, finishing up at the wreath laying ceremony at Ground Zero to honor the victims of 9/11 and America's fallen heroes. Afterwards they were treated to lunch with an extraordinary view of the city from the 52nd floor of 7 World Trade Center, compliments of host Mr. Ed Malloy, President of the Building and Trades Council.



Plaza Construction welcomes our wounded warriors

From there the group received a hero's welcome at MSA, Michael Stapleton Associates, where they enjoyed a brief from the security experts of MSA. Dinner at Engine 330 – Ladder 172 Firehouse offered yet another grand NYC experience. Tables piled high with food prepared by the firefighters themselves welcomed the guests.

Saturday morning the FDNY Marine One provided the group with a tour of the city by boat, cruising down the Hudson River. After arriving in front of Lady Liberty, a second fireboat presented a red, white and blue water display honoring those who know firsthand that freedom is not free.

Later that afternoon, they were taken out to the ballpark in style as The NY Yankees gave tribute and hosted the wounded warriors in George Steinbrenner's very own personal box, compliments of Mr. Arnold Fisher of The Fisher Brothers. They were also given the privilege of "pulling the lever" to countdown the final days in the stadium.

Other activities throughout the week included a shopping trip to the Apple store, a picnic in Prospect Park, dining at restaurants such as Villa Mosconi, Florio's and the Palm Too Steakhouse, visits to Times Square, the Empire State Building, Top of the Rock, as

well as a tour of the 9th Precinct that included a special ceremonial welcome. ■

Soldiers Hosted in NYC-NJ

Wounded soldiers from Fort Bragg, NC took to the skies Friday, September 19th, destined for New York City. The weekend kicked off with a tour of the Vietnam Veterans Plaza in downtown Manhattan. Mr. Harry Bridgwood, Chairman of the Board for *Friends of the Vietnam Veterans Plaza*, welcomed the soldiers and presented the tour of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and Walk of Honor.

Following the tour of the Veterans Plaza, the fireman from Vinegar Hill Firehouse Engine 80, Ladder 23 in Harlem, hosted the service members for lunch.

On Saturday morning, soldiers participated in the 1st Annual Rutgers Army ROTC Run for the Warriors™ in New Brunswick, NJ. The soldiers were honored in a pre-race ceremony and received a visit by New Jersey Governor Jon Corzine where he recognized their service and thanked them for their sacrifice. The first annual race aboard the Rutgers University campus raised an impressive \$13,000 with proceeds going to support programs for Hope for the Warriors™.

The trip wrapped up on Sunday in giant style when the 2008 Super Bowl Champions, The NY Giants, hosted the soldiers to an afternoon of football at their home stadium. ■



Harry Bridgwood welcomes Soldiers to NYC.

Veteran's Day 2008

November 6, 2008 - Hope for the Warriors™ flew ten wounded service members from across the country to New York for the Veterans Day holiday. The service

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members participated in various activities throughout a five day period in a city that wrapped their arms around them with gratitude and thanks.

The NYC skyline provided the backdrop for Friday's activities. The group received a tour of the World Tribute Center and the Empire State Building given by "New York City's Finest." Later that night, they attended a dinner hosted by the volunteers of the NYPD Marine Corps Association.

On Saturday, the wounded service members and their families bundled up for a ride down the Hudson River on the FDNY Fireboat. Afterwards, the group traveled to Vinegar Hill Firehouse Engine 80, Ladder 23 where the firemen provided them with a warm welcome and hot chili.



Vinegar Hill Firehouse Harlem, NY

On Sunday, Hope For The Warriors™ held their first annual Long Island Run for the Warriors 5K in Eisenhower Park, Long Island. Over 483 participants attended the race including the wounded service members. Nassau County Executive Tom Suozzi was key note speaker at the event, which raised over \$45,000.00 for the organization.

Monday, November 10th, marked the 233rd birthday of the USMC. The group celebrated on a high note with a concert given by the Quantico Marine Corps Band in the beautiful Winter Garden at the World Financial



Eric Horton with General James T. Conway

Center. The celebration continued for the service members, as they were honored guests at a dinner hosted by the Locust Valley Rotary Club.

The wounded service members were also among a group of veterans that attended the grand Re-Opening and Re-Christening Ceremony of the Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum on Veterans Day. The President of the United States, The Honorable George Bush, was on hand to receive the 2008 Intrepid Freedom Award. The Commander in Chief thanked the veterans for their service to this nation. General James T. Conway, Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps also gave remarks to the group. ■

Warrior Hope & Care Center™



Artist Rendering of the Future Warrior Hope & Care Center

The Warrior Hope & Care Center™ (WHCC), to be built aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune in North Carolina, will provide centralized access to appropriate therapies and resources for our nation's wounded heroes from all branches of the military. The WHCC will be a nurturing environment where shared healing among wounded warriors and family involvement is supported for the achievement of maximum long-term recovery.

The specialized medical services and resources provided will include: neurological therapy, mental health treatment, physical therapy, occupational therapy, activities of daily living lab, aquatic therapy, cognitive and speech therapy, family resources, support group meeting areas, class rooms and centralized access to agencies and non-governmental services. Special emphasis will be placed on providing therapies and resources for recovery from mild to moderate traumatic brain injuries as well as any associated medical and mental conditions.

Ground breaking on the WHCC is anticipated for Fall 2009. For more information about the WHCC, contact Robin Kelleher at 910-546-1050 or visit

<http://www.warriorhopeandcarecenter.org/>. ■

Events

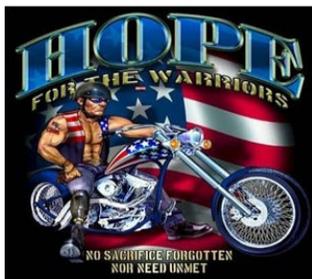
2nd Annual Oorah vs. Hooah This Time It's For Reel - Fishing Battle USMC vs. USA



And the Winner is...The Army!

On Friday, October 3, 2008, the 2nd Annual Fishing battle began when the USMC faced off against the USA. The eight boats escorted by the US Coast Guard headed out to sea and at the end of the day, it was the wounded soldiers from Fort Bragg bringing in the prize-winning catch. The evening ended with a cook out hosted by radio personalities John Boy and Billy's grilling team. John Boy himself enjoyed the evening with the guests of honor. A special awards ceremony paid tribute to all those responsible for making this event happen as well as an unexpected letter to the Marines and Soldiers from the Commandant of the Marine Corps, General James Conway. Most importantly, the guests of honor, the wounded service members from Fort Bragg and Camp Lejeune received their well-deserved hero's welcome. ■

The 3rd Annual Hope For The Warriors™ Poker Run



Saturday, October 4th – H4W's 3rd Annual Poker Run, sponsored by Southeastern Steel Choppers hosted 300 participants this year, making it one of the biggest Poker Runs in Eastern North Carolina. The highlight of

the day was when Andy Phillips unveiled Shannon Davidson's creation of "The Hope Rider" theme bike. Along with devoted individuals and corporations, Davidson, a well known bike builder from the Chopp Shopp in Taylorsville, NC built the "Hope Rider" to present to Hope For The Warriors™. It is an amazing piece of art depicting the courage and valor of the US service member. The tribute bike is to be used in an effort to inspire and raise money and support for our community of wounded heroes through Hope For The Warriors™. ■



*"The Hope Rider"
Presented by Andy Phillips & Shannon Davidson*



Riders waiting to begin

"Our debt to the heroic men and valiant women in the service of our country can never be repaid. They have earned our undying gratitude. America will never forget their sacrifices."

-President Harry S. Truman

Run For The Warriors™

Camp Lejeune, NC

“Winner of the 2008 Artie Award”

The Run For The Warriors™ race held on May 17th, 2008, aboard Camp Lejeune, NC, won the Onslow County Event of the Year Award for the second consecutive year. Sponsored by the Tourism Advisory Committee of the Jacksonville-Onslow Chamber of Commerce, the Artie Award recognizes excellence in local events and festivals.

More than 2,200 runners ran, walked and rolled their way through the 10K, 5K and one mile courses to help raise more than \$115,000. Congressmen Walter Jones, who also spoke at the opening ceremony, greeted runners. Ken Berger, the voice of the Marine Corps Marathon, served as Master of Ceremonies for this 3rd Annual Run.

Sgt. Eric Edmundson walked across the finish line just 2 ½ years after his injury in an IED blast. At the time, Eric’s family was told he would never walk again. Eric’s wife Stephanie pushed him through the 5K course, and then stopped just before the finish line to let Eric prove his doctors wrong. As bystanders looked on, Eric stood and walked across the finish line to thunderous applause.

Stevenson Automotive Group was the Presenting Race Sponsor. Other local sponsorship for the run included Marine Federal Credit Union, Furniture Fair, Extreme Outfitters, Tire Country, Northrop Grumman Technical Services, Pack Rat, Onslow Memorial Hospital and two local dentists, Thomas Bell, Jr., and Edward G. Covert. ■



Run For Something Greater...Run Because You Can!

Rutgers

Saturday, September 20th - The 1st Annual Rutgers Army ROTC Run for the Warriors™ was held in New Brunswick, NJ. H4W’s flew wounded soldiers from Fort Bragg, NC to participate in the race as part of their NY-NJ Hope and Morale Weekend. The soldiers were honored in a pre-race ceremony and received a visit by New Jersey Governor Jon Corzine, where he recognized their service and thanked them for their sacrifice. The first annual race aboard the Rutgers University campus raised an impressive \$13,000 with proceeds going to support programs for Hope for the Warriors™. ■



Trampas Rogers from Ft Bragg finishes the 5K



Rutgers Run in Memory of 1st Lt Ronnie Winchester.

Long Island, NY

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Veteran's Day weekend activities. Nassau County Executive Tom Suozzi was key note speaker at the run, which raised over \$45,000.00 for the organization. Countless volunteers turned out to make the event possible, including Local 338, the presenting sponsor of the run; as well as members of the Locust Valley Fire Department, Patriot Guard, Heaven Bound Skaters and local schools. ■



CPT Rich Vattuone, USA (Ret)

Reaching across America, Hope For The Warriors™ has assisted wounded warriors from all branches of the military and their families. Services were provided for heroes in twenty-nine states.

Join the TEAM!



- ❖ 80 Team Members in 2008
- ❖ Raised over \$125,000
- ❖ Participated in over 15 races across the nation, including century bike rides, half marathons, marathons, triathlons and relay road races

For more information contact Toni Aurilio at 910-546-1120 or toni@hopeforthewarriors.org.

Track the Team!

Visit <http://www.hopeforthewarriors.org/tww.html>.

Team Hope For The Warriors™

Marine Corps Marathon

Sunday, October 26- A scarlet and gold sunrise welcomed eager runners to this year's Marine Corps Marathon. This was the 33rd year the Marines have hosted the 26.2 mile race that runs through the heart of our nation's capital. In the city that is filled with symbols of our nation's freedom, *Team Hope for the Warriors™* was there running for those who had sacrificed for that freedom.

Donations raised by this team totaled over \$60,000.00. Team H4W had 52 team members, 5 of which were hand cyclists, and truly the impetus for the team's devotion to its mission, Zach Briseno, AJ Tong, Chris Hedgorth, Ed Salau and Paul Kelly. ■



Some Members of Team H4W MCM 2008



General and Mrs. Conway wish Zach Briseno luck at the start line

A Warrior's Wish™

A Warrior's Wish™ grants wishes to severely wounded service members in effort to restore hope in the eyes of a hero. Twenty-seven wishes were granted this calendar year totaling approximately \$300,000. Below are two amazing wishes H4W's made come true.

Sgt Ashley Craft, USMC

Sgt Craft was injured in Iraq in December 2006 when the vehicle he was riding in was hit by an IED. He suffered many physical injuries, but he continues to suffer most from PTSD. His Wish was for two German Shepherd puppies so that he could have companionship and feel safe in his home. He also wanted to become a breeder. He had been told that he may never recover enough from his injuries to have a "normal" job again and being a dog breeder would be perfect for him. Hope For The Warriors™ was able to grant his Wish and Sgt Craft received a female puppy he named Sophie and a male puppy he named Bubba, after his childhood German Shepherd. A few weeks later it seemed as if he was a completely different person! He was animated, excited...happy. In his own words, the puppies improved his morale 100%. "They've made a HUGE difference in my life," Craft stated. Sgt Craft is sleeping better, he's more relaxed, and most importantly, he has hope for the future.



Ashley with Puppies Sophie and Bubba.

MSgt Carl Traub Receives Wish

MSgt Carl F. Traub was injured in Iraq on October 30, 2005, when an IED hit the Humvee he was riding in. He suffered severe injuries to his feet and legs, which resulted in amputating both legs at the knees. He also experienced a severe spinal cord injury leaving him with very little muscle function in his legs, which prevents him from being able to walk with prosthetics. His right arm was also severely damaged leaving it with very little function. Carl was also diagnosed with many internal injuries. He suffers from severe phantom pain in his legs on a daily basis. His Wish was for a pool with a hot tub. A hot tub because it helps relax the muscles in his back, shoulders and legs from the chronic pain that he faces on a daily basis. More importantly is the pool. A pool is the only environment that Carl can get into, move around freely without being in his wheelchair, and get some exercise while doing so. The pool also provides a setting where he can interact with his children. His wife expressed that it was such a rewarding moment the first time Carl and the boys were able to get into a pool together after he was injured because he could feel free and do things that he cannot do outside of the water. "It was great therapy for us all just to laugh and play and spend time with him." Installation will be completed in 2009. ■

A WISH Granted...

- SSG Juan Amaris, (USA)
Trip to Columbia to see Family
- SPC Casey Blackwell, (USA)
Furniture and Appliances
- SGT John A. Botts, (USA)
Customized Golf Clubs
- SSG Felix Chavez, (USA)
Alienware Gaming Computer
- Sgt Ashley Craft, (USMC)
German Shepherd Puppies
- SGT Eric Edmundson, (USA)
Two Seat Recumbent Bike
- SGT Tara Hutchinson, (USA)
*Recumbent Elliptical Machine
to initiate physical therapy for
surgery*
- LCpl Patrick Kelly, (USMC)
Food & Travel on Vacation
- SGT Ryan Kelly, (USA-Ret)
*Pilot Ground & Flight
Procedures Course
(Donated by Bell Helicopter)*
- SGT Thurman King, (USA)
Food & Travel on Vacation
- CW3 James Lowman, (USA)
Customized Cycling Equipment
- SSG Justin Lynn, (USA)
Customized Golf Clubs
- LCpl Hardy Mills IV, (USMC)
Honeymoon
- CPL Shane Parsons, (USA)
Home Remodel
- Cpl Michael Patrick, (USA)
Archery Equipment
- SPC Daniel Perry, (USA)
*Bring soldiers that saved his
life to his wedding.*
- SPC Chad Pfeifer, (USA)
Customized Golf Clubs
- Cpl Ronnie Porta (USMC)
Bathroom Remodel
- SPC Robert Price, III, (USA)
Archery Equipment
- PFC Adam Putt, (USA)
*Sleep Number Mattress &
Bedroom Set*
- SPC Peter Richert, (USA)
Customized Golf Clubs
- SGT Steven Robison, (USA)
Furniture and Appliances
- SPC Mark Roseberry, (USA)
Furniture and Appliances
- CW2 Patrick Scrogin, (USA)
Polaris RZR
- LCpl Colin Smith, (USMC)
Down Payment on Home
- MSgt Carl Traub, (USMC)
Swimming Pool & Hot Tub
- MCPO James Wilson, (USN)
Rental Car for Vacation

To read more wish stories visit
<http://www.hopeforthewarriors.org>.

Immediate Needs

The recovery process and transition to life beyond recovery can take an unexpected financial toll on a wounded service member and their family. Travel, lengthy stays at the bedside, loss of income and new needs can create stressful financial burdens. In order to help alleviate this added stress, Hope For The Warriors™ works daily with the wounded service member and family to meet their immediate needs, allowing time to focus on recovery. In addition, the Immediate Needs program seeks to alleviate added stress and unexpected expenses of family members of fallen service members, where a financial hardship is created by delays or shortfalls in government disbursements of death gratuity benefits.

One hundred thirty six immediate need cases were approved this year totaling over \$300,000 spent assisting wounded Marines, Soldiers, Sailors and National Guardsmen.

While each immediate need request/fulfillment is precious, some uniquely allow us to share in the amazing resilience and spirit of a warrior. A dedicated and respected Marine squad leader, Staff Sergeant Daniel Kachmar was wounded when an IED shattered his left leg and gave him a right handed "two finger punch" where his pinky and ring finger were amputated. Forever pushing to excel, he demonstrates to other wounded Marines that life in recovery can bring opportunities. Married post injury and proud father of a 21 month old and twin girls-4months, Daniel has been accepted into the "Operation Warfighter" Internship Program at the Pentagon. To support his confident acceptance of the honor and prospect for a future career after medical discharge, Hope For The Warriors™ was pleased to provide a clothing allowance, totaling \$1,436.12, for

the purchase of needed, civilian work clothes to include tailored suits, dress shirts, ties, shoes & sports jacket.■

Commissary Vouchers

The new Commissary Voucher program at Wounded Warrior Battalion West proved to be very successful over the last year. H4W's provides \$400.00 a month for commissary vouchers so the wounded warriors can go grocery shopping and have nutritious food in their common dining area. The 90 wounded warriors rely on the nearby hospital chow hall for their three square meals, however, often times they are exhausted after attending physical therapy appointments and they prefer to stay in and not walk back to the chow hall for their next meal. Too, the chow hall does not have round the clock hours and driving the twenty-five minutes to the front gate is not an option since most of the wounded warriors don't drive. Without nearby restaurants, no stove or oven in the common area due to fire codes, a "no-food policy" in their rooms, and delicious sweets pouring in from well-meaning folks, a nutritious alternative was needed.

Presently, the wounded warriors are responsible for making the list of groceries they need to purchase and actually do the shopping every pay day. Grocery shopping has taught the wounded service members more about nutrition as well as living on a budget. More importantly having meals together in the common area has given them the opportunity to come together and socialize with one another. This has been one of the greatest benefits of the program. It has fostered a sense of community right there inside the barracks. Sharing meals together as friends and extended family helps fill the stomach without by passing the heart. The food that strengthens their tired bodies has also nourished their soul. ■

Give the Gift of **HOPE**

Your donation can make a difference in the life of a Hero!

Donations are tax deductible and may be made online at <https://www.hopeforthewarriors.org/onlineDonate.cfm>, or mailed to: Hope For The Warriors · PMB 48 · 1335 Suite E, Western Blvd. · Jacksonville, NC 28546

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