



<u>Mission Statement:</u> Wounded War Heroes was founded to show our appreciation to the men and women who have been wounded while in combat, by providing them therapeutic outdoor experiences upon their return home from fighting for our country. Our sole purpose is to show these veterans that they have not been forgotten for their courageous service to our country.

## The Beginning...

Wounded War Heroes all started when Michael Savoie, A medically retired combat injured Marine, met Emeric Watson (Founder of WWH) at a hunting event in Pachuta, MS. Late one night around a camp fire Michael heard stories about some of the Watson's fishing adventures and asked Emeric what it would cost to take around 20 military men and women down to south Louisiana for a weekend of fishing. Emeric's wheels immediately started to spin and can recall having trouble sleeping that night because of all the ideas running through his head. Emeric spoke with his father and brother-in-law the following day and decided they would ask some family and friends to make donations to help defray the cost of a trip. Much to their surprise they received an overwhelming response and received commitments for donations and services. Within a couple of days they set a date for the first WWH's Fishing Rodeo which was dictated by the weekends that remained available at the Delta Marina in Empire, LA, whereby default left them with the task of pulling off the event within 17 days. The inaugural WWH rodeo went off without a hitch due to hard work and dedication from many friends and family members.

To date WWH has grown from one large fishing rodeo annually to over 60 different outdoor events. A passion for the outdoors and the desire to give something back to these courageous men and women whom have sacrificed so much for our country and sustained life-altering wounds in the fight for freedom is the premise behind Wounded War Heroes. Our military men and women put their lives on the line so we can wake up every morning and go about our day, enjoying freedom in ways big and small. WWH has become a wonderful small organization with valuable resources and assistance dedicated to enhancing life after battle for our wounded vets. The board, involved in ensuring a successful and enjoyable experience for each event, is strictly voluntary. No salaries are paid to any of WWH's board members and it has proven to be second to none.

Please contact **Emeric Watson** (emericwatson@wwhfr.com), **Grant Pittman** (grantpittman@wwhfr.com), or **Todd Robichaux** (toddrobichaux@wwhfr.com) for information or go to our website <a href="www.wwhfr.com">www.wwhfr.com</a> and donate online. Please take a look at our website or on Facebook "Wounded War Heroes" to see the good things that we are "giving back" to our combat veterans. The mailing address is...

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