



NVOAF Banquet!

As the summer season sets in, preparations are underway for the Nevada Outdoor Adventure Foundation's (NOAF) annual banquet scheduled for July 8, 2023. This gala event, an intersection for nature enthusiasts, veterans, philanthropists, and people who understand the therapeutic essence of the outdoors, has always been a cornerstone of NOAF's fundraising efforts.

This year, expectations are set high with the theme, "Connecting Veterans to the Outdoors," underscoring the Foundation's relentless commitment to facilitating the connection between veterans and nature's healing power. The anticipation of record-breaking attendance and fundraising promises an event that will resonate strongly with NOAF's mission.

NOAF's mission is crystal clear: to harness the power of nature as a transformative, healing catalyst for veterans. Through organizing a myriad of outdoor activities such as hiking, camping, fishing, and hunting, the Foundation aims to significantly assist veterans' transition from the rigors of military service to the peaceful embrace of nature.

The annual banquet will serve as a fundraising platform and a celebration of this mission, bringing together those who believe in the power of nature as a therapeutic tool.

Scheduled to take place at the Gold Coast Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada, the event promises an evening brimming with excitement and purpose. Live auctions, silent auctions, raffles, and a gourmet dinner are on the agenda. With the community's generosity, it is anticipated that this year's banquet could raise upwards of \$500,000, setting a record for NOAF's fundraising efforts.

With the expected success of the upcoming banquet, NOAF is poised to make an even greater impact on the lives of veterans by connecting them with the healing power of the outdoors. The anticipated funds raised will ensure an increased number of outdoor experiences for our nation's heroes.

Complete Blog Article is available on <http://www.theveterandoctor.com/>



Veterans and the Power of Giving: The Intersection of Service and Philanthropy

Veterans, by virtue of their military background, are intrinsically connected to the concept of service. Beyond their years in active duty, many veterans continue to uphold their commitment to service through acts of giving. Philanthropy becomes a conduit for their continued dedication to community and country, simultaneously facilitating personal healing and societal benefit.

The Power of Giving

Philanthropy is a powerful force that can transform lives, communities, and donors themselves. For veterans, giving often goes beyond monetary contributions. It spans volunteering time, sharing expertise, mentoring others, and championing causes close to their hearts. This act of giving helps those on the receiving end and instills a sense of purpose and fulfillment in the veterans themselves.

Giving Through Volunteerism

Volunteering is one of the most direct ways veterans engage in philanthropy. They donate their time and skills to various causes, ranging from community development projects to disaster relief efforts. This hands-on involvement allows them to make a tangible impact while fostering a sense of camaraderie reminiscent of their time in service.

Sharing Expertise and Mentorship

Veterans are uniquely positioned to mentor others with a wealth of knowledge and experience gained from their military careers. They often volunteer their time in schools, youth programs, or other organizations, providing guidance and sharing valuable life skills. This transfer of knowledge is a form of giving that benefits the mentees and enriches the veterans through the satisfaction of seeing others grow and succeed.

Supporting Fellow Veterans

Another prevalent form of giving among veterans is supporting their fellow comrades. Understanding the unique challenges of transitioning from military to civilian life, many veterans dedicate their resources to support

veteran-focused non-profits, rehabilitation programs, or mental health initiatives. This act of giving back to their own community resonates deeply with their shared experiences and bond.

Creating Change Through Philanthropic Initiatives

Some veterans extend their philanthropic efforts by establishing their own charitable organizations. These initiatives often focus on issues that they are personally connected to be it veteran support, environmental conservation, education, or global peacekeeping. Through these initiatives, veterans continue to serve a cause greater than themselves, driving change on a larger scale.

The Healing Power of Giving

The act of giving is not just about societal contribution; it is also a potent tool for personal healing. For veterans, who may grapple with the transition to civilian life or mental health challenges, philanthropy can provide a therapeutic outlet. It promotes feelings of self-worth, facilitates the process of finding new purpose, and helps forge meaningful connections within their communities.

Promoting Advocacy Through Philanthropy

Another aspect where veterans channel their philanthropic efforts is advocacy. By leveraging their experiences and insights, they champion causes such as mental health awareness, veteran rights, and policy reforms. Their advocacy work seeks to bring about tangible improvements in these areas and aims to inspire others to join their cause, fostering a culture of collective action and shared responsibility...

Conclusion

Veterans embody the spirit of philanthropy, extending their commitment to service into diverse fields and causes. Their acts of philanthropy, whether through volunteerism or mentorship, illustrate their enduring commitment to service.

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Finding Freedom in the Current: Fly-Fishing Experience

The NVOAF (National Veterans Outdoor Adventures Foundation) Vet Camp is well known for its holistic approach to providing veterans with opportunities to enjoy the great outdoors. One of the standout experiences it offers is a program dedicated to teaching veterans how to fly fish – an activity that serves as both an exciting sport and a therapeutic exercise.

The fly-fishing portion at the NVOAF Vet Camp begins with a course on the art and science of the sport. Veterans are taught the basics of fly fishing, including the techniques of casting, selecting the right fly, and understanding the habits and habitats of fish. Instructors, many of whom are veterans themselves, share their knowledge and expertise, adding a sense of camaraderie to the learning process.

In the early mornings, when the world is still shrouded in mist, the

NVOAF Vet Camp begins with a day of fly-fishing lessons. As the participants gather around, there's a shared sense of anticipation. The day commences with a hearty breakfast, building energy and camaraderie before the fishing lessons begin.

After breakfast, the group heads out to the lake, where the real magic happens. Each veteran is provided with fly-fishing gear, including the rod, reel, and hand-tied flies. During the lessons, the instructor provides one-on-one guidance. They offer technical instruction and emotional support, allowing the veterans to learn at their own pace in a safe and supportive environment.

Casting the line is an art form. It requires timing, precision, and patience, skills that the instructors emphasize in their lessons. After mastering the basic casting techniques, veterans learn to 'read' the water—understanding the currents and identifying likely fish

habitats.

In the quiet moments between casts, participants engage in conversations, sharing their stories and experiences. These discussions help foster a sense of unity and understanding among the group, strengthening the therapeutic impact of the program.

As the sun sets and the fishing gear is put away, the group gathers again for a shared dinner. The conversations continue, filled with laughter, shared memories, and stories of the day's adventures. The connection forged between the veterans, the water, and nature is a testament to the healing power of the fly-fishing program....

The NVOAF Vet Camp's fly-fishing program is a journey towards healing, camaraderie, and a deeper connection with nature....

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Monthly Resource Picks



Nevada Outdoor Adventure Foundation

<http://www.nvoaf.org/>

The Nevada Chapter of the Outdoor Adventure Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) We provide Hunting, Fishing, and outdoor adventures for veterans in need, some are wheelchair-bound caused by injury during active military service or who have lost a limb during active military service.

We also provide hunting, fishing, and outdoor adventures for children under the age of 18 and young adults under the age of 25 with cancer or another life-threatening illness.

Our Outdoor adventures include numerous Big game and Bird Hunts Including Dove, Pheasant, and Quail, Fresh and Saltwater Fishing trips, Camping and many other outdoor adventures.



Merging Vets & Players

<http://www.vetsandplayers.org/>

Our nation's warriors - from every field of battle - possess a sense of strength, of excellence, and of commitment that we seldom see here at home. However, far too many of them are struggling to transition their abilities towards a new mission - leading themselves, their families, and their communities off the field.

Upcoming Local Events

- Branded One CrossFit-BJJ Fundamentals – Branded One CrossFit – 2055 E. Windmill Ln #125, Las Vegas, NV 89123 USA –Thursday, June 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th, 2023 @ 8:00am – Occurs Every Thursday!
- SNVCC Veteran Coffee Connections – Royal Coffee Roasting – 5608 S. Rainbow Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89118, USA - Tuesday, June 6, 2023 @ 9:30am
- SNVCC Race to Erase 22 – Volunteer & Program Outreach – Social Dirt Cantina – 6161 Jo Marcy Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89131, USA - Thursday, June 8, 2023 @ 6:00pm
- NVOAF Vet Camp – Fly Fishing and Fun! - Horsethief Gulch Campground & Eagle Valley Reservoir, NV 891043, USA – Friday - Sunday, Jun 16-18, 2023 @ 0800am
- NVOAF Fundraising Banquet – Gold Coast Hotel and Casino – 4000 W. Flamingo Rd, Las Vegas, NV 89103, USA, Saturday, July 8, 2023 @ 6:00pm – 9:00pm



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