

Miracle Lodge



A Little Haven on Earth!
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Pentagon Room!

The Pentagon Room is dedicated to be used by the military and their families free of charge. Email or call the office anytime and we will make arrangements. It is sponsored by Tee It Up For The Troops!



"Our family had a wonderful time at the military retreat. We have our share of challenges not to mention we just moved and then my husband left for 25 days of training. So when we arrived at the ranch we were exhausted and overwhelmed. If someone would have given me the option to have Tim resign from the military, I would have jumped at the chance. After the weekend spending time with others who appreciate our sacrifices and challenges, I have CHANGED MY MIND. Both Tim and I are now refreshed, and I will be the best Army wife I am called to be. From the bottom of our hearts we say, Thank you."

Army Anne



Military Retreats are FREE OF CHARGE to all military regardless of when they served.

Sponsorship Funds \$275

\$275.00 is the amount we need to raise for each soldier and/or family. These funds come from generous friends, businesses and churches.

FUND RAISERS are needed to continue this worthy mission for our deserving soldiers.

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Dear Supporters
of our Military,

In 1973 I was involved in a heavy construction accident that left me paralyzed from the waist down, so I do know some of life's greatest challenges. I can honestly say after being in camp work for 30+ years, the military retreats have become one of my most rewarding and highest passions.

As less military are returning home, the retreats have expanded to families and anyone who feels a need for a refreshing and uplifting weekend!

Spreading JOY-Changing Lives,
Bob Bardwell

Our Mission:

Someone has wisely said:
"The greatest destroyer of a bright future, is dwelling on the past".

Our mission when you come is to share with you God's love in an encouraging, relaxing and fun weekend. You will be challenged to choose being a victor over a victim.

Operation Welcome Home!

This life-changing retreat began after an inspiring visit to the Miracle Lodge by Chaplain John Morris who served three terms in Iraq, Lt. Col Kevin Geerdes, and James (JB) Ball from "Tee It Up For the Troops". Following a handshake and a prayer, "Operation Welcome Home" was born and we are now in our seventh year of holding these retreats.

"We can't thank you enough for sharing the Miracle Lodge with our military families. We had a fabulous time, as our time was a real blessing. Your ranch, staff, activities and words were a real inspiration. I left the Miracle Lodge feeling refreshed, recharged and renewed, but more importantly I left feeling motivated and for that, I thank you. God bless." The Kolle's

FOR YOUR SERVICE AND SACRIFICE TO OUR COUNTRY WE ARE GRATEFUL

The Schedule Varies for Each Weekend!

Friday Evening:

6:00-7:30 Arrive, Register, Room Assignments
8:00-9:00 Welcome by Bob Bardwell/Session 1
9:30 Campfire/Outdoor Activity

Saturday:

8:00 Breakfast in Dining Hall
9:00 Session II
10:30 Session III
12:00 Lunch
1:00-4:00 Free Time, Trail Riding, Mini-Farm, Hiking, Massage, Crafts, Scavenger Hunt
5:00 Get Ready for Candlelight Dinner
5:30 Candlelight Dinner in the Dining Hall
7:00 Session V: Skills to Go Forward with Renewed Lives and Families

Sunday:

9:00 Breakfast
10:30 Closing Session in the Chapel
Noon Not Goodbye, but, "See You Later!"

Some of Our Sponsors:

- Tee It Up For The Troops
- Veteran 4 Veterans Grant
- Caring Families, Churches & Individuals
- Disabled American Veterans (MNDV) (Mayo Chapter 28)
- Soldier's Field Veterans Memorial Fund
- Several Legions and VFW's
- Quilts of Valor
- UPS
- Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)
- Blue Star Mothers of America



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Clip and send, and we will find you a sponsor.
"Operation Welcome Home" Registration Form
Special Military Weekends

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____

\$50 due with registration form

Please send to:

"Operation Welcome Home" Retreats

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2015 DATES

Gold Star Families
January 23-25

Minnesota Chaplain Corps
March 20-22

Operation Welcome Home
April 24-26

8th Annual Wounded Warrior
& Disabled Turkey Hunt
May 7-10

Military Family
Summer Retreat
July 17-19

Muddy Warrior Run
September 26

Project New Hope
October 2-4