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Poudre River Fishing Outing

By Larry Sanford

On Saturday, September 25, a group of approximately thirty-five Outdoor Buddies and their families and friends gathered west of Fort Collins at the US Forest Service's Stevens Gulch Picnic Site on the Cache la Poudre River for the annual Poudre River fishing outing. The weather was absolutely perfect for our fishing event.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife had stocked the Stevens Gulch area with many beautiful trout the day before, however the fishing was a little slower than last year's event.

The Outdoor Buddies Actiontrack wheelchairs were available when needed.

It was amazing to see fish fighting at the end of a line, many being caught and many doing what we like to refer to as a "catch and quick release." The fish, although they were "stockers" were nice sized and many who chose to keep them took home their limit.

It was a real "catching day".

The trout were cooperative and limits were caught by some.

Although many fish were saved for the frying pan, most were released.

Outdoor Buddies provided lunch, soft drinks, and fishing assistance for those who wanted it. The volunteers cooked hotdogs and hamburgers for the hungry outdoors families and they were a big hit.

There was more food than you could imagine! We are truly blessed!

Next year I hope to see even more disabled Outdoor Buddies come out with their families and have as much fun as we all had this year!

Thanks to everyone involved who helped make this fishing event a memorable one!



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War and Remembrance 1968

By Joe Barrera

Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry
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Vietnam, 1967-1968

We were on the big jet but then they told us to get off. Quickly, we filed out of the plane and sheltered in the revetment next to the runway. The Viet Cong mortars landed some distance away. Our plane was not touched. We ran up the stairs of the Freedom Bird and took our seats again. The pilots gunned the engines and we were airborne. The men cheered when the wheels left the ground. I sat in my seat silently. My tour of duty was over but I felt a strange emotion: I felt sad--I wanted to stay in Vietnam. I wanted to keep on fighting the war. For me it was not finished. I had come up against the wall, what every combat infantryman faces. I had stood there, pushed against that wall and overcome my fear, I had done my duty. But I had not done enough. I had not gone through the wall. Yes, I had stepped into it but I had not gone far enough into the other side. I had not finished my war. I had not been true to fallen comrades. The other soldiers didn't see it that way. They were just glad to go back to "the world" but I felt differently. "There must be something very wrong with me because I am not happy."

In Japan there was a layover. We went to the PX to buy duty-free cameras, radios, and, of course, liquor. The place was full of Marines on their way to Nam. Their uniforms were brand new; their buzz cuts very tight, their faces so young and innocent. "You'll be sorry," the other guys said to the youngsters.

It's been fifty-years but how fresh the memories. We landed at Travis Air Base, late at night, the end of August, 1968. We cleared Customs, dumping the Cambodian Red and other contraband in the amnesty bins. Then they took us to a big warehouse and made us take showers. After that we filed down a row of tables and senior NCO's dressed us in new Class A uniforms. They had to help us put on the Army insignia, lining it up properly. We didn't remember how to do that but nobody cared. The sergeants offered us the obligatory steak dinner. I was hungry and wanted it. But all the others loudly refused. Then buses pulled up and we were on our way to the Oakland airport. By this time the sun was up. How different "the world" looked.

In those days you could walk up to any airline counter in any airport and pay cash for a one-way ticket and nobody took you for a terrorist. I paid \$80.00 for a ticket to San Antonio. Finally, it started to sink in. I was going home. In the waiting area people were sitting in what looked like school desks, the fronts fitted with single curved arms. At the ends of the arms were small black-and-white televisions. You could put a quarter in a slot and get 15 minutes of TV time. Everybody was staring intently at the TVs. I stood behind one man and looked over his shoulder. Just then on the screen I saw a policeman in a white helmet with a raised club chasing a "hippie," catching the long-haired young man and beating him mercilessly with the stick. It was a shock. I didn't know what to think. The violence sucked me in. I didn't want to but I was compelled to see it. The riot on TV was the scene outside the Democratic National Convention in Chicago. "My God," I thought, "I've been gone a year and the country is falling to pieces."

Nobody in the airport talked to me. I was a soldier in uniform and I was invisible. I may as well not have existed.

People looked right through me. Later on I realized something. The myth of spit and words in airports was invented by Vietnam veterans to deal with the deep wounds our countrymen gave us. Better to get spit on than to be completely shunned.

The small San Antonio terminal was full of people. I saw a tall soldier in Army green standing in a corner. Around his neck he wore the unmistakable broad blue ribbon of the Medal of Honor. Three or four other soldiers stood around him. The crowd ignored them. I joined the soldiers. The man with the medal told us how he had saved the lives of other men in one of those forgotten Vietnam firefights, so bravely won but so uselessly fought. The profile of the ancient Greek warrior on the medal seemed to approve. The word "Valor" was inscribed above the face of the warrior. I turned away, looking for home. My fellow citizens ceaselessly rushed past me, past the tall soldier wearing his nation's highest award for honor, for courage and devotion. Nobody stopped, nobody cared.



José "Joe" Barrera, Ph.D.

José Barrera grew up in Mercedes, Texas, a town named for the Spanish land grants given to los españoles mejicanos who settled the province of Nuevo Santander in the 1740's. He earned a doctorate in U.S. Southwest literature from UT-Austin and taught American Ethnic Studies, Southwest Studies, Chicano/a Lit., and Leadership at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, the Colorado College, and for many community organizations. He is a combat veteran of the Vietnam War.



Special Archery Hunts at Whitney Lake in Texas

By Steve Medberry

Outdoor Buddies is partnering with the Federal Park Ranger for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Whitney Lake to conduct a deer archery hunt at Lake Whitney State Park this December. We are limiting the Outdoor Buddies hunters in the hunt to ten participants, on a first come, first served basis.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers closes a couple of their parks each year from October to March and they are over-populated with white tail deer that need to be culled, but any legal deer can be harvested.

Lake Whitney is a flood control reservoir on the main stem of the Brazos River in Texas. It is located on River Mile Marker 442 and controls drainage for 17,656 square miles of Texas and parts of New Mexico. The reservoir encompasses a surface area of more than 23,500 acres and 225 miles of shoreline.

Dates: December 5th-9th, 2018

Cost: \$315 (Tag) + \$75 (Transportation)

Disabled veterans get their tag for free!

Bag Limit: 5 Deer (2 Bucks Max)

Accommodations: Open camping in the park, nearby hotels available if desired

Transportation: Caravan of volunteer vehicles. Please let us know if you are able to volunteer your vehicle. Outdoor Buddies will supply trailers for equipment and harvested game. You will be compensated for fuel costs.

Hunting will be out of wheelchair accessible ground blinds on feeders. If interested, please reserve your spot on the hunt as early as possible. The dates above include travel days to/from the property.

Outdoor Buddies Board member, Steve Medberry, will serve as hunt coordinator on this project and share the details of confirmed participants with the Outdoor Buddies Big Game Hunt Committee.

We will require hunters to pay their \$75 fee for transportation to reserve their spot and will provide information regarding how participants can purchase their hunting license. Members who are residents of Texas are welcome to come, and will not pay a transportation fee.

Anyone interested in participating in this hunt as a disabled hunter or volunteer helper or driver should contact Steve Medberry as soon as possible.

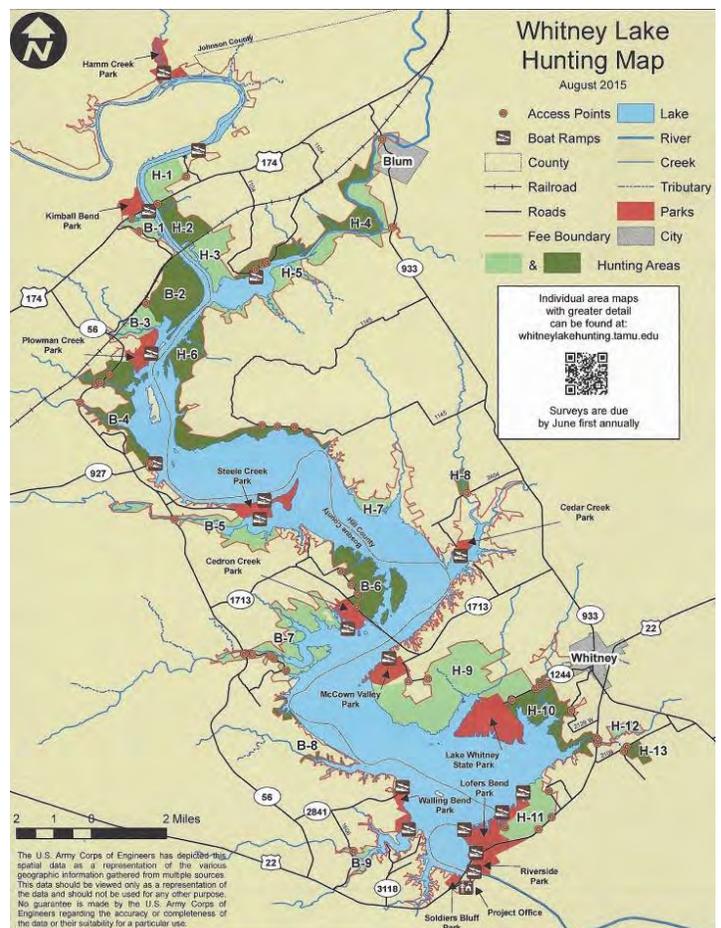
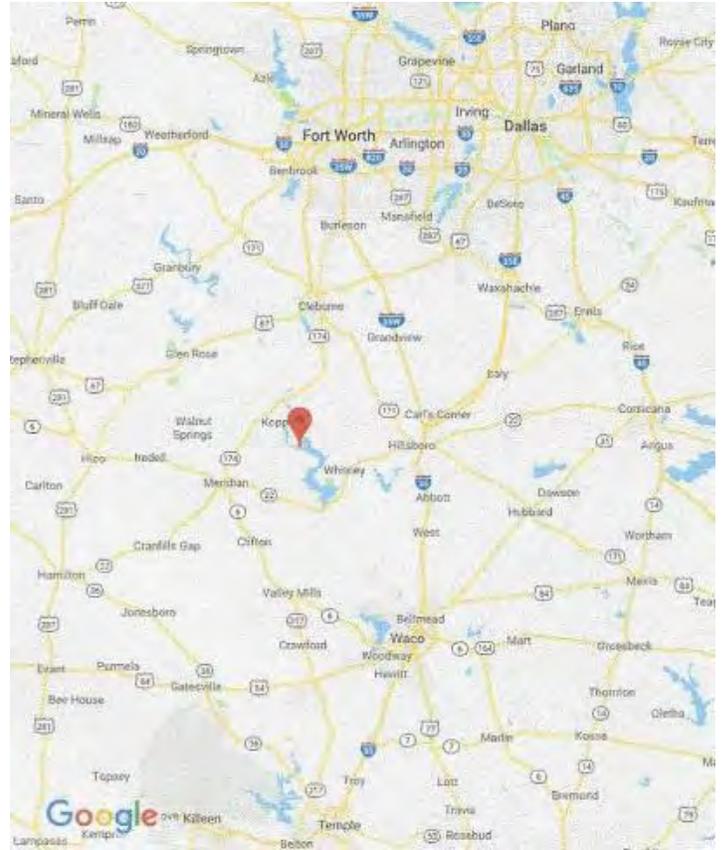
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Whitney Lake Location & Hunting Maps



A Day for Heroes/Veterans Benefit

Outdoor Buddies has been invited to participate in an A Day for Heroes event being held at High Country Harley-Davidson on Saturday, October 6th.

Outdoor Buddies will staff a booth at this event to help promote our organization and our programs. Volunteers at the booth will distribute brochures and discuss our programs with event attendees. Anyone interested in being a volunteer at the Outdoor Buddies booth should contact Dwaine Robey for more information. High Country Harley-Davidson is located at 3761 Monarch Street in Frederick, CO.

High Country Harley-Davidson, in partnership with Colorado Bikers and Brother Down Gear, is honored to host "A Day for Heroes" on Saturday, October 6th.

After a very thorough vetting process, it was decided that all funds raised through this event will go to Vets4Vets of Denver. Vets4Vets is a group of Veteran MCs that work together to raise money for local homeless veterans, PTSD programs and local services that benefit veterans in need. None involved take a salary, commission or service fee from any money raised, and they will ensure that 100% of the money we raise for this event will stay local and go to those who need it most. They will also ensure that any group or service chosen as a recipient of funds adheres to the same principles and does not take a salary or cut from any money we raise.

The vendor list is growing! Following is a partial list of organization that will have a presence there.

Outdoor Buddies
 Healing Warriors
 Vets 4 Vets
 MK Horsemanship Valhalla Ranch
 Healing Waters
 Vet Center
 Qualified Listeners
 The Veteran Truck
 Veterans Stepping Out
 Team Rubicon
 Combat Bike Build
 Damsel in Defense
 American Veteran Solutions
 Black Diamond Motorcycle Hearse
 Brother Down
 Denver Trial Lawyers
 Operations Independence
 Redistribution Center
 The Kettle Korner

Special appearances:

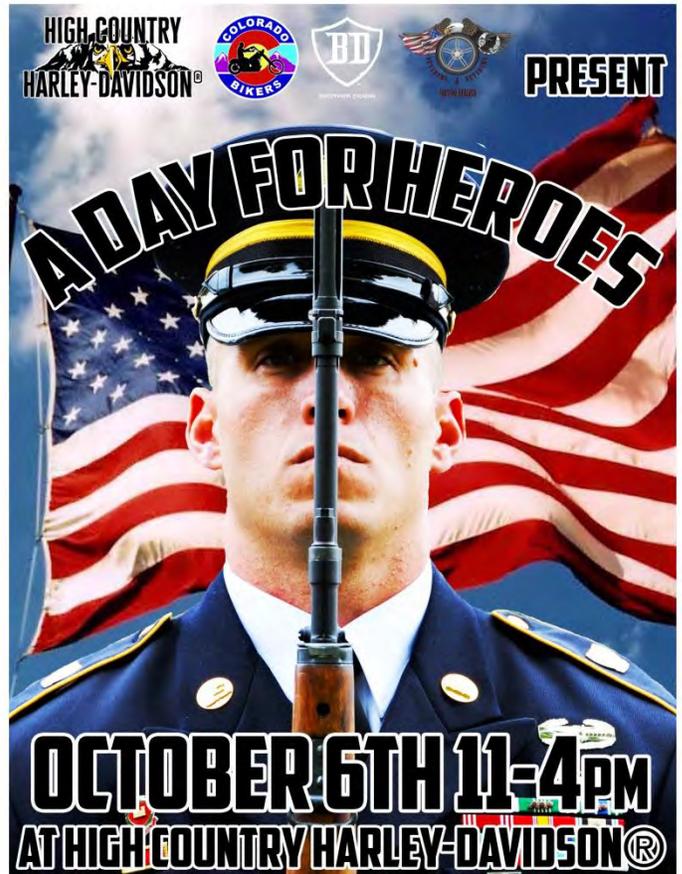
Dinger (11:30-1:30pm)

Miss Bubbles

Melissa Flaherty-(singer) needs no music, she sings
 acapella (10:45am)

Johnny O Band

The Johnny O. Band is a smokin' band out of Boulder, Colorado. With funky grooves and high energy jams, their music is both captivating and danceable.



Outdoor Buddies is managed by its Board of Directors.

Board Members are shown below:

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Special thanks to the sponsors of the 2018 Outdoor Buddies Fundraiser Banquet

Outdoor Buddies held its 2018 Fundraiser Banquet at the Hyatt Regency Aurora-Denver Conference Center in Aurora on Saturday, April 21st. The event was a “sell out” and nearly everyone agreed that it was a fantastic event.

The success of the 2018 banquet was made possible by the great support from our banquet table sponsors shown below. Outdoor Buddies sincerely appreciates their support.

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Shown below are currently scheduled events. Other activities will be scheduled as appropriate.

Date	Event/Location	Description	Contacts
October 6	A Day for Heroes at High Country Harley-Davidson – Frederick, Colorado	Outdoor Buddies volunteers will staff a booth at this event to help promote the Outdoor Buddies programs.	Dwaine Robey (303) 877-8584 dwaine.robey@outdoorbuddies.org
November 13	Outdoor Buddies Board of Directors meeting at the Thornton Cabela's.	Board meeting starting at 6:30 PM. Non-board members are welcome; please RSVP in advance.	Dwaine Robey (303) 877-8584 dwaine.robey@outdoorbuddies.org
December 5-9	Special Archery Hunts at Whitney Lake in Texas	Outdoor Buddies is partnering with the Federal Park Ranger for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Whitney Lake to conduct a deer archery hunt at Lake Whitney State Park.	Steve Medberry (720) 255-9453 stevedmedberry@gmail.com
December 11	Outdoor Buddies Board of Directors meeting at the Lone Tree Cabela's.	Board meeting starting at 6:30 PM. Non-board members are welcome; please RSVP in advance.	Dwaine Robey (303) 877-8584 dwaine.robey@outdoorbuddies.org
January 10-13	International Sportsmen's Expo at the Colorado Convention Center.	Outdoor Buddies will staff a booth at the Expo.	Dwaine Robey (303) 877-8584 dwaine.robey@outdoorbuddies.org
February 2	Outdoor Buddies Ice Fishing Outing at Tarryall Reservoir.	Outdoor Buddies volunteers will coordinate ice fishing activities from 9am to 3pm. A free lunch will be provided.	Jim Piper (303) 514-8944 geopros@q.com
March 30	Outdoor Buddies Pheasant Hunt at Drake Land Farms near Goodrich, Colorado.	All day event starting at 9:00 AM. Lunch will be served. Shooting is reserved for disabled members, except for "back-up" shooters.	Nick Filler (719) 359-3641 nicholas.filler@outdoorbuddies.org
April 6	Outdoor Buddies 2019 Banquet at the Hyatt Regency Conference Center located at 13200 East 14 th Place in Aurora.	Mark your calendar. Annual fundraiser banquet at the Hyatt Regency Aurora-Denver Conference Center. Tickets available from the Outdoor Buddies website.	Nick Filler (719) 359-3641 nicholas.filler@outdoorbuddies.org
April 27	Spring Hunter Sight- Rich Cori Memorial sight-in at Green Mill Sportsman's Club 2490 County Rd 3, Erie.	Big bore and pistol ranges are reserved starting at 8:00 AM.	Bill Gowdy (303) 489-9411 billgowdy@msn.com
June 9 Sunday	Outdoor Buddies Family Day at Swift Ponds. Everyone is welcome!	There will be free admittance, free food, and lots of fishing, shooting, games and demonstrations.	Larry Sanford (970) 218-5356 popslarrys@gmail.com
July 27	Spring Hunter Sight- Rich Cori Memorial sight-in at Green Mill Sportsman's Club 2490 County Rd 3, Erie.	Big bore and pistol ranges are reserved starting at 8:00 AM.	Bill Gowdy (303) 489-9411 billgowdy@msn.com
August 3	Outdoor Buddies Sporting Clays Event at Colorado Clays Shooting Park near Brighton, Colorado.	All day fundraiser event at Colorado Clays LLC 13600 Lanewood Street Brighton, Colorado.	Larry Sanford (970) 218-5356 popslarrys@gmail.com or Nick Filler (719) 359-3641 nicholas.filler@outdoorbuddies.org
August 24-25	Outdoor Buddies Family Outing at Tarryall Reservoir.	Outdoor Buddies volunteers will coordinate a variety of activities for members and their families and friends. Overnight camping is encouraged. More information will be provided as the event date nears.	Jim Piper (303) 514-8944 geopros@q.com