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NEWSLETTER VOLUME IX

MAY 2022 — JANUARY 2023 EVENTS

MILESTONE (11)



MAY 2022 — GOLFING

Boise, ID A burgeoning future PGA Gold Star child and his mentor continued his quest to master the game his father held so dear through private golf lessons at the local pro shop. We furnished him with a set of custom-fitted clubs to further his skill!

MAY 2022 — DAVE & BUSTER'S OUTING

Virginia Beach, VA A Gold Star child and his mentor spent some quality time bonding during a trip to Dave & Buster's. The child brought his finely honed gaming skills and racked up some serious tickets!

JUNE 2022 — MOAB ADVENTURE

Moab, UT A Gold Star teen and his mentor (also his uncle) embarked on an epic adventure in Moab. They enjoyed white water rafting, zip lining, and camping in the high desert, continuing the sense of adventure the father wanted to impart to his children.





AUGUST 2022 — SCUBA CERTIFICATION

Virginia Beach, VA A Gold Star teen and her mentor completed their PADI scuba certification, commemorating her father's love of aquatic sports. According to her mentor, the child was "scarily good" underwater. She completed her open water dives at a fabulous scuba diving site, lake Phoenix Virginia. They dove on a sunken ambulance, bus, and helicopter!

OCTOBER 2022 — CHIEFS/RAIDERS FOOTBALL GAME

Kansas City, KS A Gold Star teen and his mentor attended a home game of the father's favorite team the KC Chiefs. The Chiefs eked a one-point win over the Raiders, most likely due to the Gold Star child's cheering.

OCTOBER 2022 — MULE DEER HUNT

Twin Falls, ID A Gold Star child and his mentor went on an epic mule deer hunt in Idaho. They successfully filled the tag on day one of a five-day guided hunt! Ha! Leaving them four days to experience guided tarpon fishing, sporting clay shooting with Mari, a helicopter ride with a donor, culminating with a day of shooting at Shaw Shooting facility in Idaho where he met some of his dad's friends and Teammates who were performing Close Quarters Combat and live fire range drills.



NOVEMBER 2022 — TOP GOLF BIRTHDAY

Virginia Beach, VA A Gold Star teen and his mentor spent a fun-filled birthday celebration at Top Golf here in Virginia Beach, reminiscing about funny golf stories his father and mentor had shared.



NOVEMBER 2022 — DELTA AIRLINES TRAINING CENTER AND MUSEUM TOUR – NOVEMBER

Atlanta, GA A Gold Star child, aspiring to become a Delta commercial pilot, and his mentor toured the Delta Airline training facility and museum in Atlanta. While there they observed Deltas' airplane dunker training pool, visited the technological innovation center, and flew several different Delta model planes in their onsite simulator.

NOVEMBER 2022 — QUINCEANERA BIRTHDAY SURPRISE

Virginia Beach, VA A Gold Star teen and several of her mentors participated in a surprise Quinceanera party, organized by her mother. Among gifts given, as a soon-to-be driver, she received enrollment in an upcoming Defensive Driving COI WoHF coordinates every couple of years, to help our children become safer drivers.

DECEMBER 2022 — TELLURIDE SKI TRIP

Telluride, CO A Gold Star child and his mentor (also his uncle) experienced a winter ski trip to Telluride CO, close to where his father grew up and learned to ski. They participated in world-class private lessons and skied for two days.



JANUARY 2023 — DATE NIGHT ETIQUETTE

Virginia Beach, VA A Gold Star teen and her mentor participated in a mock-date night to show the young lady how a proper gentleman should behave on a date. They had a charming dinner at the Cheesecake Factory and finished the evening with a few rounds at Top Golf. Sadly, the mentor did not let his “date” win by default, reinforcing another paternal lesson of practice practice practice!.

CORNERSTONE (6) _____

MAY 2022 — FAMILY VISIT

Boise, ID WoHF sent a mentor, who is a family member, to take care of the Gold Star children while the mother was recovering from routine surgery; fulfilling a vital role the father would have played.



AUGUST 2022 — ANNUAL SURF CAMP

Virginia Beach, VA WoHF continued our 4th annual Surf Camp, once again conducted at the iconic Ft Story base. Pro-surfer Wes Laine and his crew instructed the kids in a survivor-themed adventure race and next-level surfing while bonding with their mentors and each other.

OCTOBER 2022 — VEGAS VACATION

Las Vegas, NV Two Gold Star children and their mentor (who is their older brother), traveled to Las Vegas from Maui for an impromptu sporting adventure. While there, they watched a semi-pro basketball game, a celebrated Cirque de Soleil show & an NBA basketball game. The sibling mentor highlighted WoHFs' continuum of support where aged-out participants return as a mentor!

MAY 2022 — JANUARY 2023 EVENTS CONTINUED



DECEMBER 2022 — WOHF ANNUAL WINTER WRAP

Virginia Beach, VA WoHF

held its 4th annual Winter Wrap festival at Dave & Buster's. The kids and mentors had a great time eating, gaming, and some surprise shopping for mom and children at the Seton House

with their mentor. WoHF again partnered with the Seton House, providing an empathetic learning moment for the kids, as they shop for gifts for children of a similar age who are in an unfortunate situation; values that their fathers would have passed onto them.



DECEMBER 2022 — SURFING ADVENTURE

Puerto Rico Two Gold Star children and their mentors (who are their uncles) took a family vacation to Puerto Rico over the Christmas Holiday. While there, WoHF was able to set up a four-day surfing excursion on the celebrated north shore of Puerto Rico.





DECEMBER 2022 — CUSTOM KNIFE

Virginia Beach, VA Eleven Gold Star children and their mentors participated in a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to build a custom knife or tomahawk at a local retired SEALs' fabrication shop. While there, the retired SEAL and the mentors explained the value and necessity of having a personal code of ethics and then helped the children create their own self-written moral mission statement.

OUTREACH (2)

MAY 2022 — MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC AT WOHF MEMORIAL TREE GARDEN

Virginia Beach, VA Our 2nd annual Memorial Day Picnic at the Mt Trashmore WoHF Memorial Tree Garden was a huge success! WoHF family, staff, and friends came together for a wonderful day of fellowship and sustenance with food graciously provided by the Hansen Family Foundation. The Memorial Tree Garden continues to be a place of remembrance, honoring the fathers and the sacrifices they made.



DECEMBER 2022 — WOHF MT TRASHMORE MEMORIAL TREE GARDEIN WREATHS & LIGHTS

Virginia Beach, VA WoHF continued the tradition of placing wreaths and lights on our Memorial Tree Garden over the winter holidays. The Trees are a stoic reminder in the local area of the sacrifices made by some in the community. The Memorial Tree Garden is visited by family and curious visitors alike throughout the year. The Memorial Tree Garden continues to be a place of remembrance, honoring the fathers and the sacrifices they made.



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