

Montgomery County, MD - Veterans Network Directory

Recreation and Sports

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Catch A Lift ("CAL")

www.catchaliftfund.com

1-855-496-4838 (Toll Free)

Non-profit organization that assists wounded service members from the Iraq and Afghanistan wars with starting their healing process and maintaining their mental and physical health through physical fitness. CAL provides gifted gym memberships or in-home gym equipment to wounded post 9-11 veterans anywhere in the United States. CAL will pay the yearly membership for the wounded veteran and buddy if needed, in compliance with the gyms and CAL's criteria.

Disabled Sports USA – Warfighter Sports Program

451 Hungerford Drive, Suite 100
Rockville, MD 20850

301-217-0960 (V)

E-mail: info@dsusa.org

www.disabledsportsusa.org/programs/warfighter-sports

Offers sports rehabilitation programs in military hospitals and communities across the U.S. through a nationwide network of over 100 community-based chapters. Warfighter Sports serves severely injured military, both active duty and veterans, with a permanent physical disability such as amputations, traumatic brain injury, spinal cord injury, visual impairments and significant nerve and muscle damage.

Equine Therapy Associates

P.O. Box 59253

301-972-7833 (V)

Potomac, MD 20859

E-mail: director@equinetherapyassociates.com

www.equinetherapyassociates.com

Horse riding as therapy. Therapeutic riding gently and rhythmically moves the rider's body in a fashion that enhances muscle strength, balance, and flexibility. The discipline, companionship, and routine of the partnership between horse and rider helps promote self-esteem, patience, and confidence. Free scholarships for wounded warriors through the Wounded Warrior Project. To qualify and be approved as a Wounded Warrior Project Alumni, a U.S. service member needs to have sustained a service-connected injury, illness or wound in mind or body co-incident to their military service on or after September 11, 2001.

Game Hunting & Fishing Licenses

Maryland Department of Natural Resources
Licensing and Registration Service

1-877-620-8367 (Toll Free)

580 Taylor Avenue

Tawes State Office Building / C-1

Annapolis, Maryland 21401

www.dnr.state.md.us/service

100% service-connected disabled veterans and former POWs may obtain free hunting and fishing licenses. Additionally, Maryland residents in the Armed Forces, or service members who are on active duty and stationed in Maryland, may hunt without cost, if they are on official leave. The lifetime license is available only at DNR Licensing and Registration Service Centers

National Veterans Summer Sports Clinic (NVSSC)

Tristan Heaton, Contact 858-642-6426 (V)
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www.va.gov/opa/speceven/ssc/index.asp

Clinic promotes rehabilitation of body and spirit by teaching summer sporting activities to veterans with significant physical or psychological impairments. Offers such sports as surfing, sailing, kayaking, track and field, and cycling to veterans who are newly injured from amputations, traumatic brain injuries, post-traumatic stress disorder and other neurological disorders, all benefiting from the therapeutic environment offered at the clinic. Events offered will vary yearly. Hosted by the VA San Diego Healthcare System.

OPERATION: CAMPOUT!

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The Maryland Park Service, in partnership with The North Face: Explore Your Parks, offers OPERATION: CAMPOUT! at selected state parks throughout the summer. This program is designed specifically for active duty military, veterans and their families who are new to camping or experienced campers. This is an opportunity for families to reconnect with each other and the great outdoors in a comfortable, safe and relaxing setting. Choose from five Maryland State Parks including Patapsco Valley State Park, Pocomoke River State Park, Rocky Gap State Park, New Germany State Park or Swallow Falls State Park. MPS will lend you gear free of charge including a tent, chairs, stove, lantern and more. Campsites have picnic tables and campfire rings. Bathrooms and hot showers are within walking distance.

Outward Bound - Baltimore Chesapeake Bay

John C. Enny, Community Liaison 410-448-1721 (V)
E-mail: info@outwardboundbaltimore.org
<http://outwardboundbaltimore.org>

Nonprofit outdoor, adventure-education organization. Provide combat veterans the opportunity to work on emotional difficulties that combat related experiences have caused in dramatic wilderness settings. Adventures are physically, mentally and emotionally challenging and seek to bolster the self-confidence, camaraderie, pride, trust and communication skills necessary to successfully return to families and communities following war-time service. Course is free.

Paralyzed Veterans of America - Sports and Recreation Program

Ernie Butler, Director of Sports and Recreation 1-800-424-8200 x 752 (Toll Free)
801 Eighteenth Street, NW
Washington, DC 20006-3517
E-mail: ernieg@pva.org
www.pva.org

National wheelchair games, boating and fishing, shooting sports, billiards, bowling, and fitness programs.

Salute to Military Golf Association (SMGA)

E-mail: dan@salutemilitarygolf.org 301-525-1639 (V)
www.golfsalute.org

Non-profit corporation whose mission is to provide rehabilitative golf experiences for combat-wounded veterans in an effort to improve the quality of life for these American heroes. The SMGA believes the rehabilitative benefits of golf can improve the mental and physical condition of each and every wounded soldier returning from combat. The SMGA provides golf equipment, lessons, and playing opportunities for combat-wounded American soldiers injured in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Soldier Ride

www.woundedwarriorproject.org/programs/soldier-ride.aspx

1-877-832-6997 (Toll Free)

Provides adaptive cycling opportunities across the country to help wounded warriors restore their physical and emotional well-being. Find information on upcoming rides around the country and how to get involved. Wounded Warrior Project provides equipment and support to participating injured Service Members at no cost to the warrior.

State Park Passes - Access Maryland and Golden Age

Maryland Department of Natural Resources
Maryland Park Service
580 Taylor Avenue, E-3
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

410-260-8186 (V)

www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/parkpass.asp

The **Golden Age Pass** is a free, lifetime pass for those State Park services and facilities identified below. To be eligible, you must be 62 years of age or older. The Golden Age Pass is good for free entry (cardholders only) into all State Parks that have service charges to enter. This pass is valid for half price camping, Sunday through Thursday (excluding holidays), but cannot be used for rentals or other facility use service charges that may apply. The **Universal Disability Pass** entitles free lifetime entry to State Parks for individuals with disabilities.

Team Racing for Veterans (TeamR4V)

www.teamr4v.org

Non-profit that supports the rehabilitation of and provides opportunities for veterans in the United States through their involvement in athletics, races, and adaptive sports. Composed of men, women, civilians, military able-bodied and injured that support and raise awareness for America's disabled veterans.

Team River Runner

5007 Stone Road
Rockville, MD 20853

301-534-4877 (V)

www.teamriverrunner.org

Non-profit that encourages "health and healing" for wounded servicemembers, veterans and their families through paddling programs across the country. Offer a wide variety of environments, from flatwater paddling to guided water adventures. Can accommodate almost any disability with adaptive boats and gear.

VA Adaptive Sports Program

E-mail: vacoadaptiveSP@va.gov

www.va.gov/adaptivesports

Motivate, encourage and sustain participation and competition in adaptive sports among disabled Veterans and members of the Armed Forces through partnerships with VA clinical personnel as well as national and community-based adaptive sports programs. The **Sports Club Finder** connects you with community-based programs, including Paralympic Sports Clubs that have been developed to provide sports programming and physical activity opportunities for disabled Veterans along with youth and adults with disabilities, regardless of skill. All programs and activities at these organizations are based in the community and are run by the local organization.

Warrior Hike

Sean Gobin, Founder and Executive Director

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<http://warriorhike.org>

Walk Off The War program is designed to support veterans transitioning from their military service by thru-hiking America's National Scenic Trails. Veterans participating in the "Walk Off The War" Program receive various forms of support during and after their thru-hike. First, veterans receive the necessary equipment and supplies required to complete a thru-hike of a National Scenic Trail. Next, Warrior Hike coordinates trail town support with the numerous veteran organizations and local communities that are located along the National Scenic Trails. Trail town support includes transportation, food, and lodging in addition to providing the opportunity to socialize with veterans from past wars and local community groups. Lastly, Warrior Hike assists veterans with future employment opportunities offered by the numerous supporters of the "Walk Off The War" Program and by partnered veteran job placement companies and veteran hiring services.