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Date: 22 September 2015

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Operation Manager, Miami River Project

SUBJECT: Take a Warrior Fishing

- 1. The Take a Warrior Fishing event was held September 19 between 6:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. at Wellman's Boat Ramp, Caesar Creek Learning Center, and the Redbud Shelter.
- 2. We assisted 33 Veterans and 28 family members as well as 43 volunteers assisting with or on volunteer vessels, with registration, and serving food.
- 3. Through our partners the Department of Veterans Affairs and Friends of Caesar Creek Lake we were able raise \$7,268.78 to support the event and our volunteers donated \$5,952.06 of their time.
- 4. Please see the additional information and photographs attached for further details and information on this event. P.O.C. for this matter is Russell Curtis (513)897-1050.

Russell Curtis
Park Ranger
Caesar Creek Lake

# **Take A Warrior Fishing**

### **Event**

The Corps of Engineers and the Department of Veterns Affairs, in conjunction with the CAST Foundation and local sponsors, invited all of our local veterans, active duty service men and women, and their

families to Caesar Creek Lake for a day of fishing and lunch. The veterans got a chance to fish with experts and eat lunch sponsored by JTM.

The event started at 7:00 AM on September 19th. It was forecasted to be a rainy day, but turned out to be 70's and sunny. Fishing ended at noon and lunch started at 12:00PM. The day ended at 2:00PM with cleanup.



### **Veterans**

Funds where raised to accommodate the 33 Veterans for the event. There were also 28 family members attending the event with their Veterans. The Veterans received free fishing poles, a free T-shirt, and a tackle box with tackle and supplies inside. All participants where given a free meal as well.

Veterans were present from the Dayton and Cincinnati Department of Veterans Affairs and

Project Healing Waters (Dayton, Cincinnati, and Columbus chapters).

## **Partnerships**

The three main sponsors for the event where the C.A.S.T. Foundation, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and J.T.M. C.A.S.T. Foundation supplied the event with 50 fishing poles, 100 t-shirts, 50 baseball caps, and 50 tackle boxes. The Department of Veterans Affairs provided drinks for 150 people, coordinated lunch with JTM, and provided magnetic flashlights, advertising, and volunteers for the event.





# **Sponsors**

Sponsors (Roxane Laboratories, TQL, Home Depot, VFW, Lebanon Ford and Grumman-Northrop) donated a total of \$7,268.78 for the event. JTM donated staff and food for 150 plus people to eat. Bass Pro Shop strung together all of the fishing poles given away to the vets. Warren Co. Veterans Service also donated two 8-passenger vans for transportation.

# **Volunteers**

We had a total of 43 volunteers (31 registration and 12 boat captains) who donated 258 hours of volunteer service to the Take A Warrior Fishing event. This saved the federal government \$5,952.06. TQL and Home Depot also provided and additional 6 and 10 volunteers respectively.



