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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Operation Manager, Miami River Project

SUBJECT: Take a Warrior Fishing

1. The Take a Warrior Fishing event was held August 27th between 6:00 A.M. and 1:00 P.M. at Wellman's Boat Ramp, Caesar Creek Learning Center, and the Redbud Shelter.
2. We assisted 62 Veterans and 42 family members in a day of fishing. Accompanied by 53 volunteers doing jobs such as boat captains, registration, and serving food.
3. Through our partners the Department of Veterans Affairs and Friends of Caesar Creek Lake we were able raise \$11,100.00 to support the event and our volunteers donated 424 hours which is a total of \$9,989.44.
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 Veterans 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 complimentary lunch. The veterans got a chance to fish with experts and eat lunch sponsored by JTM.

The event started at 6:00 AM on August 27th. The forecast for the day was a blistering hot day and veterans were given bottled water when they went out on the lake. More bottled water will be needed for next year's event. Fishing ended at noon and lunch started at 12:30PM. The day ended at 2:00PM after cleanup.



Veterans



Funds were raised to accommodate the 62 Veterans and 42 family members for the event. The Veterans received free fishing poles, a free T-shirt, and a tackle box with tackle and supplies inside. All participants were given a free meal. Family members were given loaner poles to fish alongside their veterans.

Veterans were present from the Dayton, Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky areas.

Partnerships

The three main sponsors for the event were the C.A.S.T. Foundation, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and J.T.M. Foods. 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 200 people, coordinated lunch with JTM, and provided magnetic flashlights, advertising, and volunteers for the event. JTM donated staff and food for 200 plus people to eat.





Sponsors

Sponsors (TQL, Home Depot, VFW, and Northrup-Grumman) donated a total of \$11,100.00 for the event. 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 during the event.

Volunteers

We had a total of 53 volunteers (30 registration and 23 boat captains) who donated 424 hours of volunteer service to the Take A Warrior Fishing event. This saved the federal government \$9,989.44. TQL and Home Depot also provided an additional 6 and 10 volunteers respectively.

