



On June 3, 2017, West Point Project in coordination with C.A.S.T for Kids and supporting partners, hosted the 5th annual Take a Warrior Fishing Event out of Highland Marina Resort. Working with a team of partners, the Corps works to meet the goals of C.A.S.T for Kids who is the primary event sponsor

and for the event. C.A.S.T fronts \$5,000 in materials and supplies for this event to include purchasing t-shirts, hats, tackle boxes and fishing rods. All other materials and supplies are provided by other supporting partners, including reimbursing C.A.S.T for the upfront cost in hopes to break even. Multiple organizations from around the Alabama and Georgia area worked together to provide a handful of qualified wounded warriors whose conditions ranged from physical and mental disability to PTSD.

More than 40 military, 40 volunteer boat captains, and 25 other volunteers helped make this event a success, along with 24 partner organizations which included:

- Highland Marina Resort
- LaGrange Academy
- Coast Guard Auxiliary
- Calumet Bank
- Hughston Clinic
- LaGrange Toyota
- Walmart Distribution Center
- Venucci
- Ft. Benning Wounded Warrior Association
- The Atlanta Warrior Peer Support Group
- Masterbuilt- Swine Creek BBQ
- Callaway Blue
- Benning Bass Club
- Academy Sports and Outdoors
- Wendy's
- Georgia Ladders
- Mid-South Roof Systems
- Herndon Engraving
- Jackson Printing
- Academy Sports
- Flambeau
- Lews
- Gary Yammoto Bait Company



On-site check in and registration began at 6:00am EST at Highland Marina Resort where all participants checked in and were provided an agency and emergency contact information for the day's activities. Boat Captains and Warriors were paired up and released onto the water for a day of fishing. Fun prizes were awarded for Largest Bass, Largest Crappy, Smallest Fish and Most caught fish. Many boat captains have worked this event before, but for most warriors, it was their first time fishing or on West Point Lake. The boat captains were experienced in knowing where good fishing was and showed their paired partner(s) a wonderful time! All participants were scheduled to return to land by noon for awards, lunch and a raffle where all warriors received a participation prize thanks to supporting partners.



