

**Partnership between USACE Jennings Randolph Lake,
Storm Mountain, Inc., and the Wounded Warrior Project**
(Photos by Jimmy Lapua)

On Saturday October 15, 2011 the Robert W. Craig Campground quarry was used during a unique competition held by [Storm Mountain, Inc.](#) Storm Mountain serves as the premier training facility for military, law enforcement, and counter-terrorism personnel.

As part of a three day competition benefiting the [Wounded Warrior Project](#), Segment 2, the Sniper/Observer stalk was held at Jennings Randolph Lake. There were 22 two-man teams ranging from active duty Special Forces to West Virginia State police SWAT teams.



The objective was to stalk undetected across an open field to within 200 yards of the intended target without being spotted by the target and to successfully get two shots off using blanks. The target for the exercise was Storm Mountain president, Rod Ryan, who used binoculars to direct “walkers” to the location of the snipers. If spotted, they were eliminated from the competition. A majority of the teams were able to get within the 200 yard line by belly crawling across the wet field or using the available cover.

The event started at 8 a.m. with the arrival of the first group. After a safety talk and a discussion of the rules, the team proceeded down the Kalbaugh Pond road to begin the competition. It took several hours for the teams to get within the intended objective. After a quick lunch break, the second group arrived and the competition started over. The final group left the area around 6 p.m.

We heard many “thank you’s” from the participants to the Corps for allowing them to use our facilities for the competition/exercise. Many were active members of the armed forces and had served in either Iraq or Afghanistan. Registration fees from the 50 competitors and donations from several fund raising partners helped to raise \$32,000 for the Wounded Warrior Program.

