

How You Can Help

- Your generous, tax-deductible* financial contributions are what allow us to host all-inclusive outdoor retreats for disabled veterans. One hundred percent of your donation goes to assist these men and women. You can donate by check via U.S. Mail or use the PayPal link on our website at www.heroesnewhope.org
- From transportation, pre-event preparation and more, we need volunteers. For details, email us at info@heroesnewhope.org
- You can also help by donating items such as hunting and fishing equipment, event supplies and flyer miles. Email us at info@heroesnewhope.org for more information.
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**Where limitations are
merely goals to
surpass.**

Our Beginning

A few years ago, Lonnie Bedwell, of Dugger, Indiana, and his friend Aaron Hale were planning a trip to climb Mt. Kilimanjaro. Shortly before the trip, Aaron, a war veteran who had lost sight in both eyes due to an IED, contracted spinal meningitis. This left Aaron deaf.

After Aaron recovered, Lonnie, who is blind, and his friend Steve Baskis planned a hunting trip for Aaron, not knowing how the logistics of it would work. Unfortunately, the excursion never came to fruition, as Aaron could not attend.

However, not all was lost. It was through this experience that Heroes New Hope Foundation was born.

Lonnie and others in southern Indiana started raising money to take veterans hunting and fishing. In May of 2016 Heroes New Hope Foundation hosted its first event, The "Hunting Blind" Turkey Hunt. With use of the iScope Smartphone adapter and a partner, four blinded veterans from across the Midwest were able to harvest a turkey.

Members of Heroes New Hope Foundation now host multiple annual events that include, in addition to a turkey hunt, fishing trips and deer hunting.

What Veterans Are Saying ...

"Normally, as a blinded veteran I would sit and listen to everyone else tell their stories of how they shot a deer or a turkey. It is difficult to feel that you are part of something when you cannot be actively involved. On this trip, it was us that told the stories and bragged to each other of our accomplishments."

- Daniel L. Wallace, U.S. Army 1SG (RET). Wounded in northern Iraq in 2003, leaving him blind in his right eye and with severely limited vision in his left.



"As a veteran severely injured while serving in Iraq, peer support and enjoying the great outdoors provides the best form of therapy ... This came at a very opportune time in my life, where I have been feeling closed off and alone due to the inability to enjoy friends and find peace through nature."

- Timothy Hornik, LMSW CPT, US Army Retired.



Reservations

Events include transportation, lodging, service animal support, food, hunting equipment and all the daily amenities at no cost to disabled veterans. Space is limited. Contact us and we will connect you with a fellow veteran event mentor who can assist you every step of the way.

