

Air Warrior Courage Foundation

Wounded Warrior Emergency Support Fund



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AWCF Background



Pardo's Push

*A battle-damaged F-4 and
its crew were in danger of
bailing out over North
Vietnam*





AWCF Background

- Years after the war, Earl contracted Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), Lou Gehrig's disease.
- Bob Pardo and Hugh Morrison, both River Rats, set up a foundation to help Earl.
 - to obtain certain medical help and equipment such as a special van and a specially designed computer
 - to obtain items that the US government, by law and regulation, could not supply.





AWCF Background

- Colonel Judith “Legs” Hanson - Goddess of Aerovac
 - Flight nurse on second Hanoi Taxi
 - Retired 26 June 1998, died 9 February 1999
 - Contracted leukemia, needed special equipment which could not be provided through other sources.



AWCF Background



- In 1998, the Air Warrior Courage Foundation (AWCF) was formed by the membership of the Red River Valley Fighter Pilots Association (RRVA).
- In recognition of problems being increasingly faced by active, retired and former members of U.S. military, their families and our nation at large.
- Set up to do what the RRVA could not do.
- Under IRS rules RRVA is a “membership” organization, and consequently, is limited in its charitable fund raising and program potential.
- AWCF was created to “care for our own” in areas that the USG could not, as Bob Pardo's and Hugh Morrison's foundation did for Earl and Judith.
- This has evolved to providing the same kind of care to the current generation of Warriors and their families.

AWCF Programs

Therapeutic Riding



- A major program throughout the country
- Over 800 dependent children of active duty members have received the benefits
 - Children with cerebral palsy, autism, cystic fibrosis or other certain emotional or physical problems.
 - Each case screened by a volunteer RR MD
- This activity is not covered by normal military dependent medical care.
- The therapy has helped these children to adapt to their surroundings and grow emotionally.



AWCF Programs

Section 529 Qualified Tuition Plans



- Provide seed money for Scholarship Plans that can grow with further contributions from others, under Section 529 of Internal Revenue Code.
- For the children of aviators killed in air incidents.
- Began with F-15 Strike Eagle loss of Eric "Boot" Das and Bill "Salty" Watkins killed in Iraq (2003)
- Since then, we have initiated over 164 plans for children of lost airmen.
- These are separate and different from the River Rat scholarship program.

AWCF Programs

Special Financial Support



- Provide financial support in areas that the US government cannot.
- Personal items such as computers, clothing, groceries and transportation
- Wounded Warriors' families at major military hospitals not covered by dependent care - Non-dependent medical assistance, travel and housing where, when necessary to visit wounded family members.

AWCF Programs

Special Financial Support



- **EMERGENCY SUPPORT FOR THE PARENTS OF THE WOUNDED**
 - Medical (not covered by insurance) 62 Mothers
 - Emergency Dental Procedures for 17 Mothers
- **EMERGENCY BILLETING**
 - Parents/Siblings Not Covered 466 Cases
- **EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE GRANTS**
 - Money for Necessities for more than 3000 Wounded

AWCF Special Support



- Moore, Oklahoma Tornado Support
 - Worked through Tinker AFB staff
 - Helped 80 military families with \$45K



AWCF Source of Funds



- RRVA Members
- Various RRVA Fund Raising efforts including golf tournaments and concerts
- Combined Federal Campaign, #11450
- Private and Corporate Donations

AWCF Activities

Walter Reed National Military Medical Center



The AWCF has also hosted BBQs and buffets at various installations providing as many as 300 Warriors and family members at each event with a respite from the hospital rehabilitation scene

Super Bowl Party



AWCF Activities

Walter Reed National Military Medical Center



- Financial support to troops and families
- Activities at Tranquility Hall, Bldg. 62 - 700 Family and Members Have Participated

Monthly Crafts



Eagle Cane Presentation



AWCF Activities

Walter Reed National Military Medical Center



- Hand Carved Wooden Canes given to more than 300 Wounded



AWCF Activities

San Antonio Military Medical Center



- Ralph Parr RRVA pack has provided over \$1.2M over past 9 years
 - Financial support to troops and family
 - Morale trips for Wounded Warriors
 - Work with other RRVA Packs
 - Visit to Johnson Space Center
 - Scuba Diving in Panama City
- Ralph Parr RRVA Christmas Hope Program - \$300,000 to 495 families and 1047 children



AWCF Activities

San Antonio Military Medical Center



- **RECREATIONAL THERAPY**

Fishing Tournaments	96 Wounded
Sled Hockey	105 Wounded
Scuba Training	281 Wounded
Ski Trips / Other Trips	276 Wounded
Wives (1 Week Getaway)	14 Wives

AWCF Activities

San Antonio Military Medical Center



- Recreational Trips for 300+ Wounded
 - Rafting
 - Skiing
 - Visit to Galveston

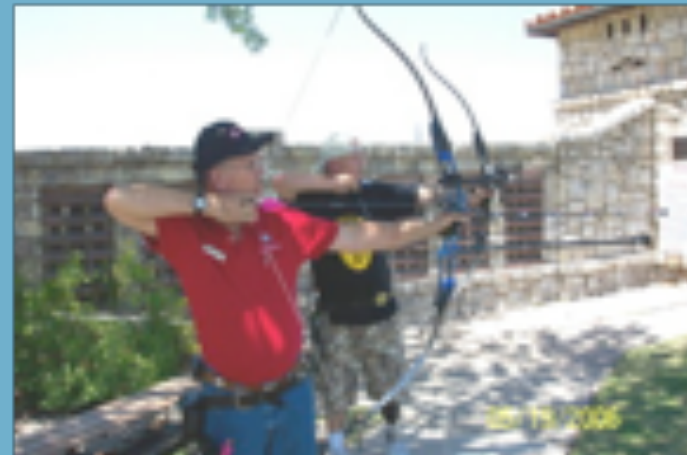


AWCF Activities

San Antonio Military Medical Center



- Adaptive sports programs
- Archery program produced a National Champion in a disability category
- Scuba diving program has qualified 281 for open water
- Lawn care program for severely disabled 947 lawns



Mt. Kilimanjaro Climb

Feb 2014



AWCF Rating



Financial Performance Metric	Score
Program Expenses <i>(Percent of the charity's budget spent on the programs and services it delivers)</i>	97.1%
Administrative Expenses	2.1%
Fundraising Expenses	0.8%
Fundraising Efficiency	\$0.00
Primary Revenue Growth	44.6%
Program Expenses Growth	23.5%
Working Capital Ratio (years)	1.68

CharityNavigator.com rates AWCF the #1 charity under \$2M

AWCF Rating Comparison



Charity Name	Overall Score Out of 70	Overall Rating
Air Warrior Courage Foundation - MD	99.78	4 Stars
Wounded Warrior Project - FL	84.39	3 Stars
DAV (Disabled American Veterans) Charitable Service Trust - KY	91.25	4 Stars
Fisher House Foundation - MD	99.62	4 Stars
USO - VA	83.79	3 Stars

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Wounded Warrior Emergency Support Fund Summary



- The CFC has us rated at 97%
- #11450
- We do what the USG cannot do
 - Support wounded warriors and their families in many areas
 - Provide educational funds through Section 529 plans
 - Provide therapeutic riding
- Expanding activities to meet needs
- Growing cooperation with Gary Sinise Foundation

