

# **GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

## **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

TO EXPAND THE EXISTING OUTDOOR FREEDOM NETWORK PROGRAM THAT GIVES FREE ACCESS TO FACILITIES AT JACKSON HILL PARK AND MARINA TO GOLD STAR FAMILIES, COMBAT VETERANS AND DISABLED LADY VETERANS IN THEIR RECOVERY FROM TRAUMA AT WAR AND AT HOME.

THE GOLD STAR IN OUR LOGO REPRESENTS THE FAMILIES OF OUR FALLEN HEROES, THE BLUE STAR REPRESENTS THE GOLD STAR FAMLIES BEST FRIEND, THE COMBAT VETERAN. THE GOLD TENT OUTLINE REPRESENTS THE SAFETY AND SECURITY THAT HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO US BY THE MILTARY MEN AND WOMEN WHO MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE AND TO REMIND US OF OUR PROMISE TO ALWAYS HONOR THEIR SELFLESS SACRIFCE AND REMEMBER THEM INDIVIDUALLY BY NAME.

### **CURRENT SITUATION AND ASSETS**

EXISTING LOCATION - JACKSON HILL PARK AND MARINA LAKE SAM RAYBURN, TEXAS USE OF EXISTING FACILITIES TO PROVIDE LODGING, FOOD, GUIDED FISHING TRIPS, FELLOWSHIP AND UNSTRUCTURED PLAY IN THE GREAT OUTDOORS. THERE IS ALSO 24 HOUR ACCESS TO SHOWER AND RESTROOM FACILITIES AT THE MARINA LODGE.

PROPOSED CAMP SITE LOCATED WITHIN PARK NEXT TO THE FREEDOM LODGE A THREE BEDROOM TWO BATH MOBILE HOME THAT WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE FOR CAMP GOLD STAR EVENT GUESTS. CAMP LOCATION IS ISOLATED FROM OTHER CAMPING AREAS AND A SHORT WALKING DISTANCE TO PARK SWIMMING AREA, STORE AND LODGE. FOOD CAN BE SUPPLIED AND SERVED IN EXISTING MARINA LODGE OR AT CAMP HOPE MESS TENT AND OUTDOOR GATHERING COOKING/FIRE PIT AREA ONCE CONSTRUCTED. EXISTING FISHING BOATS AND EQUIPMENT CURRENTLY PROVIDED BY OFN AND AN EXISTING NETWORK OF VOLUNTEERS.

CURRENT MODEL HAS SUCCESSFULLY OPERATED FOR TEN YEARS AND HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED LOCALLY AND NATIONALLY FOR IT'S CONTRIBUTION TO DISABLED VETERANS AND TRAUMA RECOVERY PATIENTS. OUTDOOR FREEDOM NETWORK IS A 501 (C) (3) PUBLIC CHARITY.

### **CURRENT SUPPORTERS**

OUTDOOR FREEDOM NETWORK HAS WORKED WITH MANY TEXAS BASED CHARITIY PARTNERS TO BENEFIT VETERANS AND FAMILY MEMBERS WHO HAVE FACED TRAUMA AT WAR AND HOME. OFN'S NETWORK INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS:

- VA HOSPITAL DALLAS AND FORT WORTH TEXAS
- THE WOUNDED WARRIOR ASSOCIATION OF EAST TEXAS
- AMERICAN LEGION POSTS 78 JASPER, 113 LUFKIN, 197 HEMPHILL TEXAS
- REEL VETS FISH ON
- HUNTING WITH SOLDIERS
- ✤ CRAPPIE FISHING FOR VETERANS
- THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE OF TEXAS
- HONOR AND REMEMBER TEXAS
- THE TEXAS FALLEN HEROES MEMORIAL WALL CAMPAIGN
- CAMP HOPE
- GRACE AFTER FIRE

#### **NEEDS ACCESSMENT**

THE INITIAL EXPANSION IS CREATE A TENT CAMP AREA THAT CONSISTS OF: FOUR FULLY EQUIPPED 16X16 FOUR TO SIX PERSON TENT SITES THAT CAN BE USED YEAR AROUND. THIS INCLUDES ELEVATED PLATFORM. TENTS WILL BE HEAVY DUTY CONSTRUCTION AND WILL HAVE

FULL SIZE BEDS, ELECTRICITY, AIRCONDITIONING AND HEAT.

ONE LARGE MILITARY STYLE MESS/MEETING TENT 32X16 WITH TABLES AND SEATING FOR UP TO EIGHTY

FLAG POLE - 40 FOOT LIGHTED FLAG POLE

COOKING AND FIRE PIT - SPECIALLY CONSTRUCTED TO PROVIDE A GATHERING PLACE FOR CAMP EVENTS

### **GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

1) EXPAND THE NUMBER OF GUESTS WHO USE THE NEW AND EXISTING FACILITY AS PART OF A CHARITABLE TRAUMA RECOVERY PROGRAM.

2) PROVIDE SUSTAINABILITY THROUGH NON-CHARITY RENTALS. ONCE CAMP GOLD STAR IS AVAILABLE IT WILL PAY FOR IT'S OWN IMPROVEMENTS, MAINTENANCE AND UPKEEP.

3) TO RAISE \$20,000 IN CASH AND MATERIALS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF CAMP GOLD STAR

- ✤ 16X16 FAMILY TENT COMPLETE \$3,000 X 4 = \$12,000
- ✤ 32X16 MEETING EVENT TENT = \$4,000
- ✤ FLAG POLE AND PATHWAY = \$3,000
- ✤ COOKING AND FIRE PIT = \$1,000

4) HAVE CAMP GOLD STAR AVAILABLE FOR THE LADIES BASS ANGLERS ASSOCIATION PRO/AM FISHING TOURNAMENT ON MARCH 17-18TH 2017

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