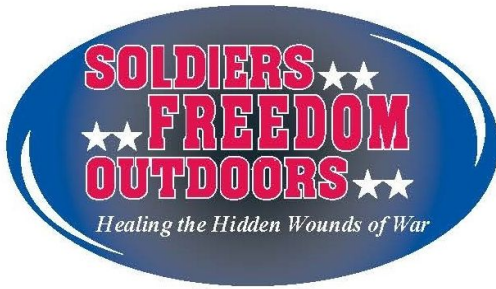


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"Healing the Hidden Wounds of War"

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1,000 Patriots

Your recurring monthly donation of \$10.00 or more will provide a respite for our Troops. Help us to Heal the Hidden Wounds of War....



by Heidi Bucy December 2018

So far we have 10 new donors in December. Please visit <https://www.soldiersfreedomoutdoors.org/1000-patriots/>. Spread the word so we can make it to 1,000 Patriots mark. Without your donations we cannot help heal the hidden wounds of war.

"I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples." -*Mother Teresa*

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AR-15 Raffle

by Jason Bucy on December 28

On December 20th Cory was the winner of the AR-15 raffle held at Lawful Defense in Gainesville. Soldiers Freedom Outdoors supplied the hotdogs and hamburgers for the days festivities.

Raffle tickets were \$10 apiece and Cory won with a single ticket. All proceeds went to Soldiers Freedom Outdoors to help our cherished veterans transition their lives more seamlessly following their service. The winner did not need to be present to win. Keep visiting the website and facebook for my raffles.



Ride for a Hero

by Jason Bucy on December 28

First Annual Ride for a Hero Horse obstacle Challenge. Soldiers Freedom Outdoors gave a way \$2500.00 in cash & prizes! There were over 20 obstacles that challenged even the best of riders! There were 3 levels of competition, youth, novice and Advanced.

Ribbons, cash and prizes were

awarded in each group! Registration was \$45.00 for each course run. Great food was also on site for sale at a reasonable price. Smoked chicken, sausage and pulled pork to name a few. All proceeds went to Healing the Hidden Wounds of War. Camping on site was allowed, a few round pens were available if needed.

This year's show had approximately 60 participants. Soldiers Freedom Outdoors considered the show to be great success and anticipate a much larger crowd next year.

Click here often to check on upcoming events and horse shows planned throughout the year
<https://www.soldiersfreedomoutdoors.org/events-calendar/>

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Upcoming Retreats

by [Jason Bucy](#) on December 28

Fri, Jan 11, 2019 3:00 PM Mon, Jan 14, 2019 6:00 PM Soldiers Freedom Outdoors ([map](#))

Come and enjoy horseback riding, Kayaking, Fishing, hunting, or just relaxing on our dock overlooking 20 acre stocked lake.

[Hearts of Valor Retreat](#) Sat, Jan 26, 2019 3:00 PM Sun, Jan 27, 2019 6:00 PM Soldiers Freedom Outdoors ([map](#))

Come and enjoy horseback riding, Kayaking, Fishing, hunting, or just relaxing on our dock overlooking 20 acre stocked lake.

All meals are provided. All you need are your personal items. Everything else, we provide.

AS always the retreats are Free to all veterans and active military.

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Veterans Helping Veterans

by [Jason Bucy](#) on December 28

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Sunday November 18 was an emotional day for Katherine Romanowski, director, and John Romanowski, assistant director, of Mission In Citrus, Crystal River. Soldiers Freedom Outdoors was able to donate close to 80 meals for needy families because of three Citrus County sponsors. Accurate Pest Management, Stype Termite and Pest Control and Home Team Inspection Service (Citrus Hernando) donated 8 large turkeys, stuffing, sides, nearly 1,000 bottles of water, and \$100 Publix gift card.

With the help of these local businesses, Soldiers Freedom Outdoors and Mission in Citrus ensured that 29 veterans, 27 adults and 11 children between the 2 shelters will get a traditional home cooked thanksgiving meal that so many of us take for granted.

Soldiers Freedom would like to personally thank Ed Williams and Tiffany Vega, of Accurate Pest Management and Stype Termite and Pest Control, and Josh Holland (Army Veteran) of Home Team Inspection Service (Citrus Hernando) for their generosity this holiday season. Without local businesses like this none of this would have been possible.

Soldiers Freedom Outdoors mission is to honor all veterans and active duty military. SFO is dedicated to healing the hidden wounds of war. They provide a safe holistic place where our veterans can begin the journey toward healing. Soldiers Freedom Outdoors is



dedicated to serving our active-duty and retired service veterans. In six years of service, SFO has provided eco therapy and equine therapy to hundreds of soldiers, regardless of gender, branch of service, length of service or location. SFO services soldiers and veterans all over the state of Florida. We are giving back to these men and women who have given, and continue to give unselfishly to protect this great nation, and ask nothing of us in return.

To donate to Mission in Citrus visit their website at www.MissioninCitrus.com or call 352-794-3825.

For more information on Soldiers Freedom Outdoors or to donate or become a 1,000 patriot sponsor visit www.soldiersfreedomoutdoors.org or call 1-800-875-0309. Every battle is worth waging, especially for your own life. Do not let a temporary solution be a permanent tragedy.

Veterans who are in crisis or having thoughts of suicide, and those who know a Veteran in crisis, should call the Veterans Crisis Line for confidential support 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year at 800-273-8255 and press 1, chat online at www.VeteransCrisisLine.net/Chat, or send a text message to 838255.

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The Elves Were Busy in Citrus County

by Jason Bucy on December 28

Christmas day was a big day for 11 children ranging in age from 1 to 17 years at Mission in Citrus, Crystal River. On behalf of Soldiers Freedom Outdoors and Snow's Country Market and Charlie's Produce, were able to make these kids Christmas something special.

Without Stype Termite and Pest Control employee Marsha Davidison, Snow's Country Market employees, and especially Mrs. Georgia and Kent Snow's customers, none of this would have been possible.



An angel tree was set up at Snow's Country Market and their customers picked up all 11 children. Stockings and stocking stuffers were provided by Stype Termite and Pest Control and Soldiers Freedom Outdoors. Wish list and needed items were all taken care by some wonderful families that frequent Georgia and Kent's establishment. All of which have remained anonymous but you know who you are and

we thank you from the bottom of our heart. The community is blessed to have businesses and families that are willing to look out for others that are less fortunate.

The excitement and gratitude these children had was amazing and feeling we had watching these innocent children open gifts and rummaging through their overstuffed stockings was overwhelming and warmed our hearts beyond belief. It was truly an honor to be a part of it.

2 Corinthians 9:6-7 (NIV) "Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

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Upcoming Events

by **Jason Bucy** on December 28

Horses 101 for Military Children

Saturday, January 19, 2019 10:00 AM 4:00 PM

Horses 101 for our Military Children is open to children ages 7-18. They will learn basic grooming, understanding the language of the horse and will be able to ride. Lunch is provided. Parents must be present for children under the age of 10. limited to 10 children. Please email us at info@soldiersfreedomoutdoors.org to sign up. We will confirm you reservation.



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