OUR STORY OF HOPE AND HEALING

Bringing back purpose and joy to the lives of veterans.

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“Generation after generation of Americans answer the call to serve our nation and protect our freedoms. These men and women are heroes who serve in faraway places and face life-threatening situations. The price they pay is great, and many come home with special needs and challenges, both visible and invisible.

Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra is one of the nation’s leading organizations working to help these Wounded Warriors learn, heal, and thrive.”

- Kathy Copeland, Executive Director
THE CRUCIAL NEED

• 4,000,000 veterans receive VA disability benefits.
• Military Post-Traumatic Stress affects more than 2,800,000 Veterans and their family members.
• 40,000 veterans were homeless in 2017 – 11,500 in California.
• The lives of veterans and their families often seem hopeless.
• Many veterans simply don’t have access to effective post-VA follow-up programs.

“All the challenges in my life are dwarfed by the majestic mountains. My body can go to work while my soul can relax.”
— Ryan Sykes, Navy
NATIONAL WOUNDED WARRIOR CENTER (NWWC)

Building on Current Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra (DSES) Programs

• Since 2003, DSES has provided more than 3,000 adaptive sport and therapeutic outdoor recreation lessons annually. More than 1,000 veterans and their families have been served.

• DSES is financially sound with an annual budget of $2.2 million.

• Specialized winter and summer DSES programs for Wounded Warriors have been changing lives since 2007.

• The demand for these programs has grown dramatically over the years.

• DSES is seeking to increase its capacity through the NWWC to provide critical support services to over 300 veterans and their families annually.

“Among many programs of this type I’ve personally seen and participated in, DSES is the best!”

– Willard A. Buhl, Col. USMC
NWWC PROGRAM

The NWWC is situated in the beautiful Eastern Sierra and offers a unique combination of programs.

Program Elements

• Educational & Vocational Programs
  – Wounded Warriors will have access to education programs and resources through a partnership with the Cerro Coso Community College, directly adjacent to the Center.
  – In addition to taking classes and earning certificates, the College will provide Education/Career Planning and Vocational Services.

• Therapeutic Recreation
  – Adaptive skiing and snowboarding, cycling, rock climbing, kayaking, fishing, and many more opportunities for stimulating outdoor experiences.

• Wellness Training
  – With health and wellness professionals, veterans will learn how to make positive lifestyles changes.

• Physical & Mental Healthcare
  – Mammoth Hospital and specialty clinics are committed to supporting and supplementing VA treatment plans.

• Housing Assistance for Reentry
  – The NWWC will provide several months of transitional housing with counseling to facilitate successful reentry back to permanent housing.

The NWWC will enrich the DSES veteran support programs.
“The DSES Programs are great for Wounded Warriors. The staff, volunteers, and townspeople are an amazing group of people who showed me love and care when I really needed it. My only regret is that the amount of time that a WW can spend in Mammoth is very limited. With the NWWC more WW’s can be served for longer times to help ensure successful recoveries. My dream is to spend a semester of my education at Cerro Coso College and the NWWC.”

– Luke Pierce, USMC
WE BRING BACK PURPOSE AND JOY TO LIFE

What is our secret sauce?

• Anchored in a spectacular world class environment for therapeutic outdoor experiences;
• Operated by a rock solid organization and staff, and 200+ passionate volunteers;
• Embedded on the campus of Cerro Coso Community College;
• In a state of the art transitional housing facility designed for veterans;
• With an established track record in the training/renewal of veterans with disabilities
• Located in a community/region that embraces veterans and is already partnering with DSES;
• Supported by senior military leaders in veteran rehabilitation and reentry into civilian life;
• Validated by testimonials from program participants whose lives have been changed; and
• Awarded a Gold Seal by GuideStar.

This is Our Story.
THE CAMPAIGN TO BUILD THE NATIONAL WOUNDED WARRIOR CENTER

Financial Goals
- More than $6 million has been raised toward the $17.9 million building construction goal.
- At this time, we are engaged in a new phase to raise a cumulative total of $12 Million by mid-2019.
- We are seeking a small number of large individual gifts to lead the way.
- We are also accelerating our fund raising with Foundations, in-kind giving for construction services, further engaging our existing friends and family network, and expanding social media initiatives.

Start construction by the end of 2019.

“I felt some peace of mind here within myself, which I haven’t had in more than five years since returning from Iraq.”
– Jordan, Wounded Warrior
OUR LEADERS

Kathy Copeland
Brent Truax
Laura Beardsley

CO-CHAIRS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Tom Schroeder
Chris Alessi

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THE TEAM BEHIND THE PROGRAM

Staff Leadership

Kathy Copeland, DSES Founder/Builder, Executive Director, and Board Member

Laura Beardsley, DSES Deputy Director with broad non-profit experience

Jerry Buckley, Capital Campaign Counsel

Board

Brent Truax, Board Chair – Hotel Management Executive

Andrea Colasardo, Vice Chair – Retail Owner/Operator

Karilyn Myers, Secretary – Retired Mammoth Hospital Rehabilitation and Orthopedic/General Surgery Manager

Penny Bordokas, Treasurer – Financial Management Executive

Stacey Adler – Mono County School Superintendent

Carolyn Escoto – Vice President Crail-Johnson Foundation

Tom Mahr – Retired Corporate General Counsel and Senior Executive

Patrick Gramuglia – Retired Marine Corps Colonel

Shields Richardson – Financial Management Executive

Tom Schroeder – Retired Silicon Valley Strategy and Corporate Development Executive

E.L. Smoogen – Retired Aerospace Technology Executive/Engineer

Rick Taylor – Large Project Southern California Building Contractor

“I’ve personally watched the growth of Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra’s programs for Wounded Warriors and veterans with disabilities at Mammoth Mountain. The staff and volunteers have a unique dedication and are highly skilled in their work with our nation’s active and retired service members. Their impact in healing minds and hearts, building confidence through adaptive sports training and outdoor activities, and restoring the drive to succeed is huge and immeasurable. I’m proud to support this exceptional organization and their National Wounded Warrior Center campaign.”

– Rusty Gregory, CEO, Alterra Mountain Company
CALL TO ACTION!
WHAT CAN YOU DO?

• Become an Ambassador and spread awareness of the NWWC to family, friends and business associates.

• Help us find potential donors of large gifts to lead the way to construction

• Share Our Story of Hope and Healing on social media and with friends and ask them to pass it on to their friends. Our work is especially meaningful to the families of veterans. Go to www.WoundedWarriorsMammoth.org/Our-Story-of-Hope-and-Healing/ then click on a share button for Facebook or other social media.

• Make a financial contribution or pledge to the campaign.
  - Check: Send a check made out to National Wounded Warrior Center to: Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra, PO Box 7275, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546.
  - Credit Card: Call 760.934.0791 to provide your credit card information.

• Make an in-kind contribution of construction products or services to support the NWWC.

• Call Kathy Copeland at 760.934.0609 and let us know about other ways you can help.

• For more information go to www.WoundedWarriorsMammoth.org.

Help us access over $1.5 million in gift commitments that are contingent on matching gifts.
FACILITY NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

- Rename the Center: $5,000,000
- Campus & Landscaping: $2,500,000
- Main Lobby - reserved: $2,000,000
- Fitness Center: $1,000,000
- Flag Pole Plaza: $1,000,000
- Conference Room: $500,000
- Dining Hall: $500,000
- Family Suites (3): $500,000
- Great Hall: $400,000
- Game Room - reserved: $300,000
- Gazebo: $250,000
- Meditation Lounge: $250,000
- Individual Rooms (26) - some rooms reserved: $250,000
- Native Plant Garden: $175,000
- Business Center: $150,000
- Prep Kitchen: $100,000
- Culinary Demonstration Kitchen - reserved: $100,000
- Mountain View Terrace - reserved: $90,000
- Manager's Office: $75,000
- Listing on the Wall of Honor: $5,000
- Recognized in the NWWC Gift Registry: Any amount