

Three Wood County Foundations Work Together to Support Veterans and First Responders with the Patriot Sporting Challenge

Collaboration Between Folds of Honor, Heroes Ranch, and TheyGotYour6 Foundation Will Strengthen Community Impact of Saturday's Event.

AUSTIN, TX, UNITED STATES, June 1, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The [Wood County Economic Development Commission](#) (WCEDC) officially welcomed participants on June 1st to participate in the [Patriot Sporting Challenge](#) at Lake Fork, event supporting by three Veteran and First Responder foundations, which will be held at Lake Fork in Wood County, Texas.

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The Patriot Sporting Foundation works to create and promote the event, which will have a “incredibly positive impact on veterans, first responders, and their families,” said Christine Thomas, Executive Director of the WCEDC. The beneficiaries of the event are Folds of Honor, Heroes Ranch, and TheyGotYour6 Foundation.

“Our mission is to honor and support those who have sacrificed so much for our country,” added Thomas, who is also a board member of the Patriot Sporting Challenge Foundation. “Through our partnerships, we can extend our reach and make a tangible difference in their lives.”

This year’s Challenge, which is billed “Golf, Fish, & Chips,” begins at 9 a.m. with golf and fishing competition. Each 4-person team will challenge another team to a dual, where one two-person tandem will square off against another two-person tandem in golf. Similarly, the teams will compete against each other in a fishing competition on Lake Fork.

At the end of the day, the Overall Challenge Champion will be the team with the most total points from both events. Saturday night, at the Neon Moon in Yantis, participants and guests will have an opportunity to win prizes during competitive casino wagering in a Las Vegas-style

format. The winners will also be recognized with a special awards ceremony.

The participating foundations are well-known in the area for their life-changing work.

For example, Folds of Honor raises funds for the education of children of fallen soldiers. Meanwhile, Heroes Ranch and TheyGotYour6 Foundation focus on supporting local, East Texas, and Texas veterans, first responders, as well as wounded warriors from across America.

Specifically, Heroes Ranch provides guided hunting and fishing tours for disabled veterans and their families, as well as first responders and their families. This organization provides state of the art technology assisting heroes with disabilities or those heroes who endure injuries in order to provide a comprehensive outdoorsman experience. These experiences offer recreational opportunities and foster a sense of community and healing.

TheyGotYour6 Foundation is dedicated to helping fellow local veterans and first responders through various support programs and initiatives aimed at improving their quality of life. The Foundation supports fellow heroes by offering services, such as emergency financial assistance, mental health resources, and community-building activities. This ensures that veterans and first responders receive the care and recognition they deserve.

Funds are being raised through entry fees, a Live Online Auction and donations. Many Texas organizations and businesses, as well as local artists, have contributed products, services and works of art for the online auction.

Notably, donations have been made by artists Amy Voss, who makes one-of-a-kind glass guitars, as well as the Combat Quilter and the Quilting Marine, two prestigious US Veterans and way-makers in the quilting industry. The two quilters' first time project collaboration to produce two identical quilts one for the Patriot Sporting Challenge Online Auction and the second to be gifted to the young son of a fallen US Marine Corpsman , creating a special bond between the two recipients.



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The Patriot Sporting Challenge has been actively involved in supporting veterans and first responders in the area since 2017, raising more than \$500,000 to date.

To support the foundation’s efforts, visit www.patriotssportingchallenge.org where you will find a link to the online auction.

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