



WE ARE HERE TO HELP VETERANS THROUGH FLY FISHING

6056

Veterans

6458

Volunteers

1300

Participants of
Color

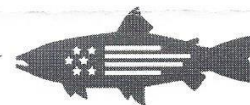
615

Female
Participants

65,782

Veterans joined
since 2012

DEMOGRAPHICS



Average Cost per Participant	\$500	Local Programs	183
Fly Fishing 101	\$125	States Served	48

ZERO COST TO ALL PARTICIPANTS

CONFLICTS COVERED

World War 2 | Korea
Vietnam | Gulf War | Post 911

CORE ACTIVITIES

Fly Tying | Rod Building
Casting | Education | Outings

PROJECT HEALING WATERS

Project Healing Waters (PHW) is a national nonprofit organization serving the Veteran and Military communities, specifically supporting the healing journey of those in need. We are a leading nonprofit in the area of therapeutic outdoor recreation, using the sport of fly fishing as an intervention. The restorative healing powers of nature and the outdoors are well-documented: for our Veteran and Military participants, the camaraderie, connectedness, and community found in our programs, alongside the symbiotic relationship between Veteran and volunteer, directly correlates to increased sense of belonging, resilience, and post-traumatic growth.

JOIN US ON THE HEALING JOURNEY

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My name is Jay Dzik, I am the Program Lead for the north Chicago Project Healing waters Fly Fishing. We provide services for inpatient and outpatient veterans at Capt. James Lovell's Veterans Hospital.

We serve our veterans by providing them with fly fishing opportunities at various locations, casting instruction, fly rod building, fly tying classes and all aspects of fly fishing. We encourage competition amongst our group members to promote camaraderie and a connected community.

We created a satellite program that will serve the veterans in the Rockford area. It will serve as a model for the future as we expand our reach in Northern Illinois to reach more disabled combat veterans. Creating programs will take time and of course the generosity of donors. Prior to the covid pandemic the north Chicago Program provided services to the veterans that lived at Heroes Harbor at the Lovell Veterans hospital. After 2021 we initiated a program aimed to help post 911 veterans.

We booked Midwest waters angling for our 1st float fishing trip in 2023, taking 7 participants and a trip lead. Everyone caught fish and had a great day on the water. This has become an annual trip.

We are targeting events such as overnight trips to the Driftless area of Southwest Wisconsin, the Kankakee River, Spring and Fall stocked trout opportunities, etc. Our current budget does not allow us to participate in these programs

We need your help. Might we be able to count on you for annual sponsorship? An annual subscription either personally or through a business would go a long way to helping us deliver on our mission. A \$1,000 annual contribution is appreciated. As a sponsoring partner we offer great visibility to an appreciative community.

One-time cash donations in any amount are a big help too. You can even shop on our wish list for donation of badly needed supplies. We have preferred vendors who are prepared to offer a deep discount allowing your generosity to go even further.

All donations are tax deductible, and documentation will be provided to you from HQ.

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