

The Sacrifices of Our Military Heroes

The men and women who serve their country, whether in peace time or war, make sacrifices—family separations, often isolated tours of duty, long and difficult hours with no extra pay through their efforts, often in dangerous circumstances—they suffer as casualties of war with serious mental and physical wounds.

Do you know that during peace time each year, many service men and women are seriously injured or die during training missions?

Hooks for Heroes CT History

Started in 2010 at Stamford's Halloween Yacht Club (HYC), Hooks for Heroes was established by Club members as a small fishing contest. Entry fees from this contest went to a Veteran's organization to help our Veterans.

Today H4H is now a nonprofit 501(c)(3) registered as Hooks for Heroes Connecticut, Inc.—an all-volunteer, charitable organization supporting seriously wounded, injured service members and Veterans suffering with PTSD and TBIs.

H4H is a large supporter of "Operation Gift Cards" which is a local program with the Stamford Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Chapter 13. Together we deliver gift cards to wounded and injured troops, as well as their families, at Walter Reed National Military Medical Facility, as well as Fort Belvoir Hospital. H4H has supported Operation Gift Cards for over 10 years donating over \$100,000 to help and honor our brave warrior heroes.

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Hooks for Heroes Annual Fundraiser

Our Annual Fundraiser is our primary source of raising funds.

We are a 501 (c)(3) local organization of all volunteers that are committed to helping our veterans and their families. We get to know many of the veterans personally and we become like family. Many veterans are released from their military hospitals after years of surgeries and rehabilitation, and we stay in contact with many of them throughout the United States.

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FOR THOSE WHO SERVED**



**You're Invited
to Sponsor, Donate
and Attend
the 12th Annual
Hooks for Heroes CT
Fundraising Fishing
Tournament
and Community Event**

June 22-24, 2023

For More Information Visit: HooksforHeroesCT.us

Why fishing? Fishing is therapeutic for those that suffer from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBIs).

“Fishing is a way to bring Veterans and First Responders together in a fun and relaxing way to enjoy a little friendly competition, some time out on the water in the sun and each other’s company,” said Pat Buzzeo, President of Hooks for Heroes CT (H4H). “It also gives these Vets a chance to relax away from their hospital settings and it has been proven that all types of fishing can really help with PTSD,” he said.

This annual event brings together area First Responders, dignitaries, residents, local business owners and more to host and show support for these American heroes and their caregivers from the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland, and Fort Belvoir in Virginia. The event also connects soldiers from World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan. These Veterans, some which are generations apart, come together and talk, which is what these Veterans need, and they have the opportunity to thank one another for their service.

The tournament weekend is truly a time to reflect on and appreciate the sacrifices of our Veterans.

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The Hooks for Heroes CT Program

Day 1—Wounded and injured troops and their caregivers arrive at HYC (10 Seaview Avenue, Stamford, CT) and are welcomed at a dinner in their honor. They are then assigned donated hotel rooms and are transported to their hotels by DAV vans.

Day 2—DAV vans pick up the Veterans and their caregivers at various hotels and bring them to breakfast at the HYC. They are then transported to Manhattan where they will be met by the Port Authority Police of New York and New Jersey and escorted (with lights and sirens) to honor our fallen on 9/11. Our veterans will visit the World Trade Center, the 9/11 Memorial Museum and the One World Trade Center Observatory and will be treated to lunch overlooking the skyline of Manhattan. Later that evening, they will return to the HYC to enjoy a buffet dinner and meet their assigned boat captains and other Veterans from Stamford and all parts of Connecticut, along with First Responders.

Day 3—The day begins with breakfast at 5:15 a.m. at HYC followed by fishing from 6:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. for all participants and local anglers wishing to support our Veterans and First Responders. A military ceremony will commence at 1:00 p.m. followed by a cookout/ buffet, musical entertainment, a giant raffle, a “fly over” by a Vietnam-area helicopter (and other aircraft if available), and a showcase of military-vintage vehicles. Visitors will include the U.S. Coast Guard, the National Guard-Stamford, Darien and Greenwich Marine Police Fireboats, Special Services SWAT, Bomb Squad Vehicles, Stamford Fire Dept. Vehicles—all for review—**and much more!**