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THE ONS NEWS & REALLY!
Operation North State's Monthly Newsletter
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Hello,

At Operation North State (ONS), we are practicing and adhering to the government guidelines, suggestions and mandates related to COVID – 19. That said, we are starting to get out and about some – especially related to hosting one-on-one fishing outings for our wounded warriors / DVets. Note: these outings are provided by dozens of North Carolina's and surrounding states' premier anglers.

To ALL - stay safe; help others and journey out and about when you can.

We had a great spring season of activities planned for our wounded warriors / DVets and were days away from launching our Spring Series of Top Shelf Fishin' Festivals when the virus hit. The good news is we have been able to host one-on one fishing outings and have stayed well within the cautions and guidelines. And, we have rescheduled our Randleman Lake and Badin Lake Fishin' Festival for later this fall. We have delivered several pickup loads of goodies to veterans' organizations. ONS will keep you posted as to upcoming events but right now we are working in a "until further notice" mode. Below is our revised 2020 Top Shelf Fishin' Festival Schedule. As for wounded warriors / DVets confirmed to fish in the Fishin' Festivals, all the spots have been filled. However, we encourage all wounded warriors / DVets to get on the waiting list; you stand a good chance of getting into the Festivals. As for our Host Boaters, check the schedule and let us know which Fishin' Festivals you would like to attend. Note: the Fishin' Festivals are FREE for all participants.

Revised 2020 Top Shelf Fishin' Festivals Schedule as of May 6, 2020:

OPERATION NORTH STATE'S
TOP SHELF FISHIN' FESTIVALS'
2020 SCHEDULE / 8th Season
See status updates below in **RED**

Date: March 26 (Thursday)
Event: 5th Jordan Lake Top Shelf Fishin' Festival
Location: Farrington Point Access Ramp, 605 Farrington Point Rd.
Apex, NC 27523
of Participants 50 Host Boaters & 50 Wounded Warriors / DVets
Status: Cancelled – Corona Virus

Date: April 16 (Thursday)
Event: 6th Annual Lake Norman Top Shelf Fishin' Festival
Location: Pinnacle Access Area, 1580 River Hwy (Hwy 150)
Mooresville, NC 28117
of Participants 65 Host Boaters & 70 Wounded Warriors / DVets
Status: Cancelled – Corona Virus

Date: April 30 (Thursday)
Event: 8th Annual Badin Lake Top Shelf Fishin' Festival
Location: Circle Drive Access Area, 724 Shoreline Drive
New London, NC 28127
of Participants 50 Host Boaters & 50 Wounded Warriors / DVets
Status: Rescheduled for Thursday, October 8

Date: May 19 (Tuesday)
Event: 6th Annual Randleman Lake Top Shelf Fishin' Festival
Location: Main Access Ramp, 7123 Adams Farm Rd.
Randleman, NC 27317
of Participants 65 Host Boaters & 65 Wounded Warriors / DVets
Status: Rescheduled for Tuesday, September 15

Date: June 2 (Tuesday)
Event: 6th Annual New Bern Top Shelf Fishin' Festival (Neuse and Trent Rivers)
Location: Lawson Ramp, 1309 Country Club Road
New Bern, NC 28560
of Participants 50 Host Boaters & 50 Wounded Warriors / DVets
Status: On-Schedule for June 2

Date: September 24 (Thursday)
Event: 2nd Annual High Rock Lake Top Shelf Fishin' Festival
Location: 899 Wildlife Recreational Area Access Rd.
Southmont, NC 27292
of Participants 55 Host Boaters & 55 Wounded Warriors / DVets
Status: On Schedule for September 24

Date: October 16 (Friday)
Event: 6th Annual Peer Fishin' Festival
Location: Ocean Crest Pier, 1409 E Beach Dr.
Oak Island, NC 28465
of Participants 360 Total (Wounded Warriors, DVets, Their Friends & Caregivers, Volunteers, Sponsors and Supporters)
Status: On Schedule for October 16 – PLUS, additional fishing from the pier for October 17, 18 & 19. Pier passes, cut bait and lunch will be provided by Operation North State for the extra days of fishing for registered wounded warriors / DVets and guests.

Date: November 6 (Friday)
Event: 4th Annual Morehead City Fishin' Festival
Location: Carolina Princess
Morehead City, NC 28557
of Participants 55 Wounded Warriors / DVets
Status: On Schedule for November 6

General Information:

- All Festivals are FREE to wounded warriors /DVets & caregivers
- No registration fee for Host Boaters
- You may fish in as many Festivals as you like – first come / first serve
- All Festivals are “No-Alcohol Allowed”
- One caregivers or service animal is allowed on boats if needed
- Life Jackets MUST be worn while on the boats AT ALL TIMES – NO EXCEPTIONS
- Host Boaters must have liability insurance coverage on their boat - NO EXCEPTIONS
- Host Boaters must provide their cellphone number for emergency contact purposes
- Fishing Licenses are waived for the Festivals for all Wounded Warriors / DVets
- Rods & reels, life vest, tackle, bait & snacks are provided for wounded warriors / DVets
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- Facebook: Operation North State Photo/Albums for more information too

Here are some pictures from our one-on-one fishing outings - smiles, smiles and more smiles.











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addresses to mailbox@operationnorthstate.com should you know of someone that would like to start receiving the ONS monthly newsletter.

CURRENT / UPCOMING PROJECTS

Check our [Facebook](#) page for more details.

All Operation North State fishing, cycling and racing outings are on hold “until further notice” due to the Coronavirus issues and warnings – EXCEPT for our one-on-one fishing outings and [Foursomes for Heroes golf outings](#)

ONS Facebook Pages

[Operation North State](#), [Cycling Heals- Vets Connect](#), [Foursomes For Heroes](#),
[Terry Snyder](#)

CURRENT NEEDS

ONS’ needs change daily based on the needs that are being communicated to us by the wounded warriors / DVets. Click on this [link](#) to view our Current Needs in a Facebook photo album.

Our needs will be their needs /requests.

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