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“The biggest thing that I’ve learned and realized is not to try to do life alone,” Wojciechowski explained.

His military service included assignments at a naval hospital, with Marines, and at the Naval Academy. Now, helping veterans connect with one another is part of his work as a peer leader.

“When you find brothers and other warriors and everything else that you can relate to,” he explained, “those relationships can help bring someone out of depression and encourage participation in activities they might otherwise never consider.”

For Kean Segura, accepting that invitation took time. The retired serviceman once disarmed bombs for a living. After leaving the military, he did not immediately see himself as someone who should participate in outings such as the fishing trip.

“I didn’t think I was necessarily worthy of it,” Segura recalled.

Taylor helped change that.

“I went on a trip or two with Matt, He got me into this stuff,” Segura explained. “Kind of gave me a new outlook on life. Definitely a new perspective on life.”

Having recently suffered a heart attack at age 37, Segura also appreciated an opportunity to enjoy the outdoors without the expense becoming another concern.

“Being able to get out on the water, out here in the wilderness, and not necessarily have to worry about the financial part of all this, it’s kind of nice,” he noted.

The benefit extended beyond the boat and fishing tackle.

“This helps a lot to be able to break away from the city and the noise,” Segura added. “You can clear your head a little bit.”

Tomas Centeno also understood the need for a quieter place. During 22 years in the military, Centeno served on a bomb squad, handling roadside bombs and other dangerous situations. The work



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The Wounded Warriors Day of Fishing at Barren River Lake on Monday, Sept. 28 provided veterans with service-related wounds a time to come together. The project paired Warriors with supporters who donated their time and supplies to create an experience through which healing, comfort and friendship could be found. Among these participants were volunteer Brad Bowles and veteran Carl Hurst. The pair was also joined by Dan, Hurst’s service dog.

brought stress that contrasted sharply with the peacefulness he found on the lake. For him, the outing offered a chance to spend time with other veterans, enjoy the water and feel God’s presence.

“The serenity, the peacefulness, the camaraderie,” Centeno reflected, were part of what made the experience meaningful. He added that just as valuable was the feeling that the people around him cared.

“It’s just a really, really great feeling of love to me,” he explained.

That feeling was exactly what organizers hoped to provide.

Ed Darst, who founded a Christian-based fishing club in Glasgow in 2008, described an effort that grew to include clubs in Bowling Green, Glasgow, and Tompkinsville. Organizers identified this year’s gathering as the 11th outing, with two years missed because of COVID.

“It’s not about our club,” Darst explained. “It’s just to give these guys a chance to go fishing and enjoy getting away from everything.”

Fifteen professional fishing guides donated their time and brought boats to help make that possible. Kevin Kays emphasized that the guides gave up opportunities to take paying customers fishing so they could spend the day with veterans.

“They show up with their boats from all over the state, and some of them from other states,” Kays

explained. “They’ll come in here and take these guys out fishing today.”

While guides took the Warriors to some of the best fishing locations on the 10,000 square mile lake, other volunteers remained at the Port Oliver pavilion. A meal of fish, hush puppies, and all the fixins was cooked during the morning hours. By the time the anglers returned from the water, the volunteers had everything ready.

“When they get back, they’ll clean their fish, so they can take their fish home with them,” Kays added. “And, the meal will also be ready.”

Fishing licenses were provided for participants, and some guide sponsors supplied rods and reels for veterans to take home. For Kays, those arrangements served one purpose.

“It’s a day to give back and show our appreciation for what they’ve done for this country and what they mean to us,” he explained. “And they mean a lot to us. We want to show nothing but respect, and it’s their day. We want to make it about them.”

Rodney Hoffman, a Bowling Green fishing guide participating for the fourth year, had already witnessed the effect such a day could have.

“I’ve watched these guys come and this just lights up their day,” Hoffman explained. “They just feel like everybody comes around here and puts their arms around them and loves them.”

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“I support this 100 percent,” Hoffman emphasized.

Michael Bean, another Bowling Green volunteer, described sharing his love of fishing as a way to express gratitude.

“It’s an honor for me to be able to share my love and talents of fishing with these soldiers and people that have sacrificed so much for the freedoms that we celebrate every day,” Bean explained. “A lot of people take that for granted. I just love doing it.”

Bean returns each year for the program.

“I love hanging out with these guys and being able to give back to the community,” he noted.

For veteran Brad Bowles, serving as a volunteer fishing guide offered an opportunity to support others who had served.

“The sacrifice that these guys have made to protect the rights of all the citizens of the United States, our freedoms, to protect our freedoms—it means the world to me,” Bowles explained. “To be able to take these guys out, to give them a good time on the water, it’s a great day to do that.”

First-time volunteer Daniel Ashley joined after a friend asked whether he would help.

“I said, ‘Absolutely,’” Ashley recalled, calling the Warriors, “Absolute heroes.”

Glenn Debiak brought both his own military experience and a father’s perspective to the gathering. A Navy veteran who served from 1962 to 1966, Debiak also has four sons who served in the Marines.

His voice grew emotional as he discussed their service.

The fishing outing, he explained, reflected the fellowship and willingness to give his time as part of the participating clubs.

“We’re a Christian organization. We believe in fellowship,” Debiak noted. “We believe in giving of ourselves. We believe in the Bible.”

The work draws support from volunteers, friends around the lake and people who contribute in other ways. In earlier years, women made quilts to give to veterans. Debiak described the participants and volunteers as a group brought together by a shared purpose.

“It’s just being together, the fellowship,” he explained. “We’re doing it for them.”

Others helped provide the meal and a welcoming place to gather.

Carl Hurst and Charles Wagoner were part of the food preparation effort. Wagoner recalled about 12 years of involvement and explained that members’ connections

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MASTER COMMISSIONER’S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE AND ORDER OF SALE OF THE EDMONSON CIRCUIT COURT, the Master Commissioner will sell at public auction the real property in the following actions on **Monday, October 19, 2026**, about the hour of **1:00 p.m., outside the Edmonson County Courthouse, Brownsville, Kentucky**. Said property shall be sold to collect the amounts hereinafter set forth, together with interest and the costs of the action, and upon the following terms and conditions (unless otherwise stated).

- A. The purchasers will be required to pay ten percent (10%) down the day of sale in the form of cash or personal check and post bond on the remainder with the balance due in thirty (30) days. Pursuant to KRS 426.705 the bond shall bear interest at the rate the Judgment bears, until paid in full. It is the intention of the office of the Master Commissioner to close within thirty (30) days, but if a holiday falls within the thirty days, or if there are other circumstances beyond our control, the closing may take extra time. The buyer should be aware that they have the option to pay the balance to stop the interest from accruing or the interest will accrue on the unpaid balance.
- The Master Commissioner will retain a lien on the property sold to secure the sale price. **If the purchaser elects to post bond, he/she will be required to provide sufficient surety, such as a letter from their bank or a bank representative signing for them at the time of the sale. Please contact the Master Commissioner’s Office prior to the sale with questions regarding approved surety at 270-842-0614.**
- B. The property is sold subject to the following:

a. State, county, city, and school taxes payable for the entire year of 2026 and all taxes due thereafter.

b. Easements, restrictions, and covenants of record.

c. Assessments for public improvements levied against the property.

d. Any facts which an inspection or accurate survey of the property may disclose.
- C. The property shall otherwise be sold free and clear of any and all right, title, and interest of all parties to this action and of their liens and encumbrances thereon except such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America or the defendants. **Also, the Master Commissioner does not obtain a title search or investigate for further liens on the properties listed below nor conduct or authorize a survey of the property. The purchaser is responsible for title searches and/or any additional liens not named in the Judgment and Order of Sale and for the results of any good and accurate survey of the property.**
- D. For a more particular description of these properties, refer to the file on record at the Edmonson Circuit Clerk’s Office. Deeds and Wills referenced are of record in the Office of the Edmonson County Court Clerk.
- E. The Master Commissioner does not have access to the properties listed below and therefore makes no representation or warranty of any kind as to the conditions of these properties.

SALE No. 1

TAX BRAKE KY, LLC V. ALEX RAY COMBS, et al, pending in the Judgment and Order of Sale in Edmonson Circuit Court, Div. I, 25-CI-45, to collect \$8,890.02, interest at a rate of 12% per annum until paid.

965 Rock Lane, Mammoth Cave
Map Code: 054-50-03-363.00
Wm. Douglas Haman, Attorney for Plaintiff

SALE No. 2

KENTUCKY HOUSING CORPORATION V. PAYTON A. RUCH, et al, pending in the Judgment and Order of Sale in Edmonson Circuit Court, Div. I, 26-CI-43, to collect \$182,072.80, interest at a rate of 6.75% per annum until paid.

540 Fairview Ct., Brownsville
Map Code: 049-10-00-014.00
Septimious Taylor, Attorney for Plaintiff

SALE No. 3

BANK OF EDMONSON COUNTY V. MARCELLA MERRYMAN, et al, pending in the Judgment and Order of Sale in Edmonson Circuit Court, Div. II, 26-CI-89, to collect \$77,095.29, interest at a rate of 6.92% per annum until paid.

285 Lindseyville Loop, Brownsville
Map Code: 029-00-00-067.00
Timothy E. Bridgeman, Attorney for Plaintiff

DAVID F. BRODERICK, MASTER COMMISSIONER



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Volunteer driver Glenn Harston watches a group of Wounded Warriors and their guide fish on a picture-perfect day at Barren River Lake. Preston Clary, Matt Cleary, Preston Cleary and Glenn Debiak enjoyed the fellowship on the water.