

# WOUNDED WARRIORS



FOR ME, IT STARTED WITH THE BACKPACK AND A PROMISE, THE PROMISE WAS THAT WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT WOULD ALWAYS BE THERE FOR ME AND AS I'VE CONTINUED ON MY JOURNEY WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT HAS KEPT THAT PROMISE, EVERY SINGLE DAY. HOPPING ON THAT BIKE AND SEEING THAT SMILE ON MY BROTHER THAT I HAVEN'T SEEN IN SO LONG AND BE ABLE TO DO SOMETHING WITH MY BROTHER, IT WAS LIFE-CHANGING FOR ME. THEY'VE GIVEN ME EDUCATION, THEY'VE GIVEN ME A SMILE, THEY'VE GIVEN ME THIS HUGE EXTENDED FAMILY. IT'S A GREAT PRIVILEGE TO LEAD AN ORGANIZATION THAT IS FIRMLY COMMITTED TO CHANGING THE LIVES OF WOUNDED WARRIORS AND THEIR FAMILIES. WHAT A MIGHTY GOAL WE HAVE SET FOR OURSELVES BUT I CAN THINK OF NOTHING MORE PRECIOUS THAN WHAT WE HAVE SET OUT TO DO, TOGETHER. THOSE FIVE DAYS THAT I GOT TO SPEND WITH MY BROTHERS WERE THE FIRST FIVE DAYS THAT I SAW HOPE IN YEARS. WARRIORS TO WORK HELPED ME FIND A JOB WHERE I WAS HAPPY GOING TO WORK. MY WIFE AND I, THIS CAREGIVER, ASK YOU, BEG YOU GET THE CAREGIVER BILL PASSED. THAT WAS THE MOMENT IT WAS FINALLY OFFICIAL AND IT MEANT SO MUCH FOR ME TO BE THERE WITH WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT. IT DOESN'T EVEN MATTER TO SOME OF THESE GUYS, IF THEY CATCH FISH OR NOT, THEY'RE JUST HAPPY TO BE IN A BOAT AND HAPPY TO BE OUT WITH SOMEONE ELSE. WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT HAS GIVEN MY CHILDREN THE DAD THAT THEY DESERVE IN ME AND IT'S GIVEN MY WIFE, ASHLEY, THE HUSBAND THAT SHE THOUGHT SHE WAS MARRYING FOURTEEN YEARS AGO. JASON'S PART OF THE WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM. WE HAVE CONFIDENCE THAT WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT HAS JASON'S BEST INTERESTS IN MIND. BE PROUD OF THEM. YOU EARNED IT. YOU SURE DID. NOW I HAVE LIKE FIFTY-THOUSAND BROTHERS AND SISTERS I CAN CALL ANYWHERE, ANYTIME. IT'S, LIKE, MADE THE DIFFERENCE. IT WAS JUST SO GOOD FOR HIM