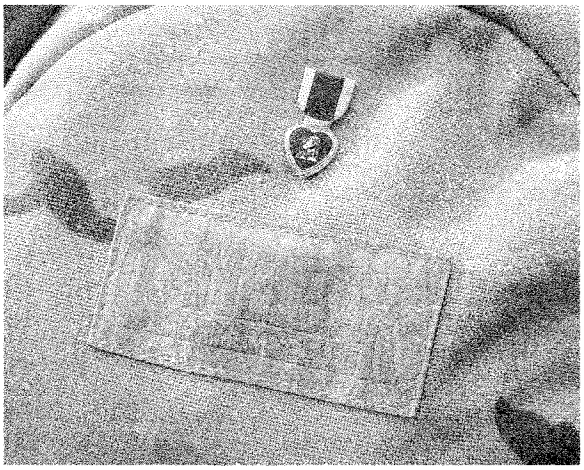

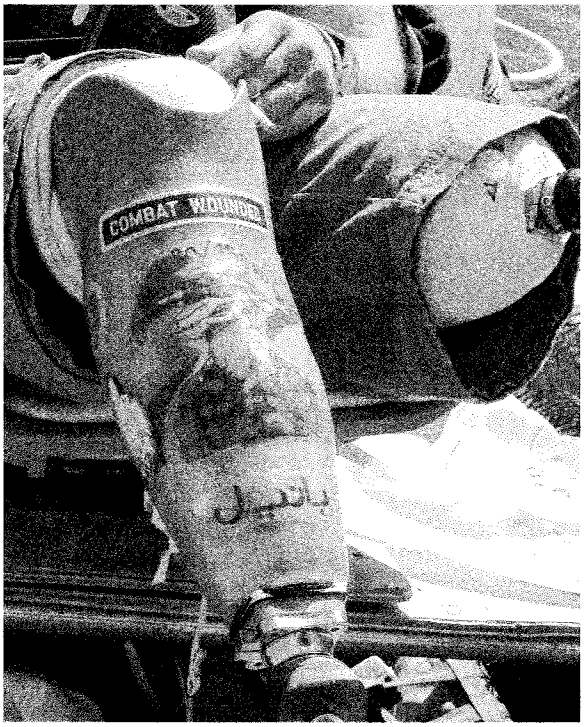

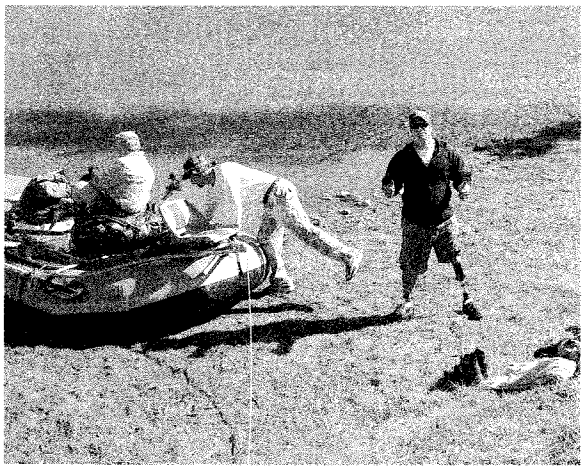

The Wounded Warriors Project

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Background

Wounded Warriors Project works in conjunction with Disabled Sports USA and United Spinal Association. Both are non-profit organizations dedicated to helping injured Vets.

In 2005, Mike Geary a Helena-based fly fishing outfitter, contacted Walter Reed Hospital. With the help of local donations, the program was launched to take these severely wounded young men and one Medic on a 5-day Smith River float. In 2006 another group enjoyed the wonders of our great State and the Smith River and the program continues.

The results were amazing. These young men finally found a normal environment away from combat, rehab or hospital worries.

Without any Federal or State funds, the program relies on the donations of generous individuals from around the country. But the cost to transport, house, and feed these brave Americans is very high.

Montanans can help. By declaring both resident and non-residents Purple Heart recipients as eligible for a free fishing license, we send a message to the rest of the country. A message that says Montana cares about its soldiers.

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