



PRESS RELEASE

Contact:

Shannon Pennington
Warren County Park District
1223 North State Route 741
Lebanon, OH 45036
(513) 695-3980 ext. 4
spennington@warrencountyparks.com

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Warren County Park District and Heroes on the Water Partner to Host Kayak Fishing Event at Armco Park

Lebanon, OH — August 18, 2025 — Warren County Park District is proud to announce a new partnership with Heroes on the Water (HOW) Southwest Ohio Chapter by hosting a therapeutic kayak fishing event at Armco Park in Lebanon. On Saturday August 16, the event welcomed first responders, veterans, and their families. This particular outing included veterans from Dayton's BlueHalo company who continue to support our nation's defense missions including those at Wright Patterson Airforce Base. Park Staff and dedicated volunteers provided support to ensure a safe, supportive, and enjoyable experience.

This special event was part of HOW's nationally recognized program that uses kayak fishing as a therapeutic tool to promote physical and mental wellness among veterans and first responders. By combining the peaceful rhythm of paddling with the meditative focus of fishing, participants are offered a unique opportunity to relax, reconnect with nature, and build meaningful connections with others who share similar experiences.

Adam Webb, a representative from HOW Southwest Ohio commented, "Through generous donations and partnerships like the one with the Park District, HOW is able to provide all the kayak and fishing equipment, food, and other resources needed to make this event cost-free for all participants."

The event took place on the scenic waters of Armco Park Lake, and was followed by a catered lunch to encourage camaraderie and reflection. All equipment was provided, and participation was free for veterans, active-duty military, first responders, and their families.

"We were honored to host Heroes on the Water at Armco Park," said Matt Latham, CEO of Warren County Park District. "This partnership reflects our deep appreciation for those who serve and highlights the importance of parks in supporting the physical and mental health of all members of our community."

Warren County Park District is a county-wide park and green space provider, managing 1,716 acres in 12 parks across the County including its flagship parks, Armco and Landen-Deerfield. Our mission is to enhance our community's well-being by preserving quality natural spaces where all are invited to discover and experience the great outdoors. For information, see www.WarrenCountyParks.com, email parks@warrencountyparks.com, or call (513) 695-3980.

Heroes on the Water is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that provides no-cost days of therapeutic kayak fishing for local veterans, first-responders, and their families. These outdoor experiences help facilitate the cognitive and general well-being benefits of reconnecting with nature, alleviating stress, and providing participants with an opportunity for a day of camaraderie and making new memories on the water. For more information, visit <https://heroesonthewater.org>

##

