



IN MEMORY OF ONE, IN HONOR OF ALL

Completely Handicap Accessible Outdoor Rifle, Pistol, & Archery Ranges

Veterans Center & Community Center

Paths, Ponds, Fire Pit Area, Camp Sites & More

Facilities are Being Designed & Built Totally Handicap Accessible

For All Disabled Veterans, Especially Wheelchair & Amputees, Their Families & Caretakers

Also Any Disabled Individual, Caretakers, Their Families, Law Enforcement & First Responders

FREE OF CHARGE to All Mentioned Above

100% Volunteer 7 Member Board of Directors & Support Staff

100% of All Donations Go Directly to Building, Operating & Maintaining Facilities

Donations are Tax Deductible - 501(c)3 Non-Profit Organization #87-2167163

The Dream

Forgotten Heroes Ranges & Retreat started out as a dream of two veterans...a paralyzed Air Force veteran, Chuck Evancevich, confined to a wheelchair and a disabled Army combat veteran, Bret Sample.

Having served 21 years in the US Army, and being a weapons specialist, Bret's dream has always been to build a rifle, pistol and archery range. He wanted it to be for veterans so they would have a place to go and continue to build on the bonds that all veterans share regardless of when or where they served. It has always been Bret's passion to give back to all of his brothers and sisters in arms.

Chuck spent the last twelve years of his life confined to a wheelchair. Life as he knew it, as for all who are disabled, changed drastically. Things that were taken for granted before being disabled became gigantic feats or impossible, Life became something that was watched on the sidelines. He grew up in the outdoors, hunting and fishing. But after becoming paralyzed, he was unable to do the things he loved. Allan Porisch, his brother-in-law, helped to get him out in the woods hunting for the last three years of his life. Chuck and Allan dreamed of building a hunting retreat with a handicap accessible lodge and hunting blinds for all disabled people to go experience that freedom again. Sadly we lost my brother Chuck in October 2020.

Bret went to Chuck's widow, Brenda, after his passing, and told her he wanted to build a shooting range in memory of Chuck. She agreed, but on one condition, that they too could be involved. A team was formed with the same passion and desire of fulfilling both dreams and the two dreams were melded into one, Forgotten Heroes Ranges & Retreat.

Our goal is to make it possible for any veteran in a wheelchair, amputee or disabled, for that matter any disabled person to enjoy the same outdoor activities as able bodied people. They have earned, and deserve, the right to enjoy these God given activities that we take for granted. Our goal is to make Forgotten Heroes Ranges & Retreat a place where they don't have to think about being disabled, a place for them to have the freedom to enjoy a simple pleasure in life with no limitations.

We believe that not only will Forgotten Heroes Ranges & Retreat give them the ability to use ranges for rifles, pistols and archery that are accessible but the opportunity for fellowship and camaraderie. What a wonderful way to build a great support system with one another and to mentor those who have lost so much.

They stood on the wall for us...now it is time to let them know they are not forgotten, they ARE our Forgotten Heroes.

Mission Statement

Forgotten Heroes Ranges & Retreat, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, is dedicated to empowering disabled veterans, as well as other disabled citizens of all ages, who are no longer able to actively participate in outdoor activities due to their limitations. This includes archery and marksmanship via rifle and pistol shooting. Forgotten Heroes Ranges & Retreat will support all disabled veterans, and any disabled individual, by providing a venue specifically designed to accommodate them through sponsorship at no cost.

Our mission priority is to all disabled veterans, anyone who is handicapped, law enforcement, first responders and all the families/caretakers. Forgotten Heroes Ranges & Retreat exists to serve ALL our country's disabled veterans and anyone who is disabled by providing a place of outdoor recreation, camaraderie and refuge.

Mission Intent:

What makes Forgotten Heroes Ranges & Retreat unique is that we reach out and network with others in the handicapped community to serve those disabled and most in need of outdoor activities, building relationships and assisting handicapped individuals by providing a place to participate in marksmanship, camaraderie and mentorship to each other.

Mission Key Task:

1. Live and operate Forgotten Heroes Ranges & Retreat by the values of loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage.
2. Collaborate as a seven member executive board as well as with other veteran and handicapped non-profit groups on how best we can serve our disabled heroes.
3. Sustain Forgotten Heroes Ranges & Retreat by facilitating a community of hope, faith, camaraderie, mentorship and responsible citizenship to all of our disabled heroes.

Phase 1



The Start of the Adventure



Google Earth Picture Before Clean Up



Treasures We Found



Piles of Scrap Iron & Garbage



More Treasures...



Starting to Haul the Scrap

- 1) Acquire Property
- 2) Land Cleanup



Ground Breaking Ceremony-August 14, 2022



Aerial Photo of Ground Breaking



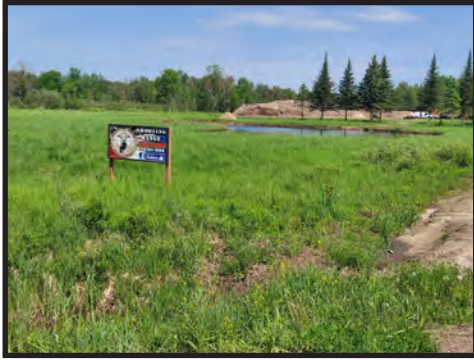
Staking the Range



Marking the Berms

- 1) Apply for 501(c)3 Certification
- 2) Elevation Certificate
- 3) Delineation Certificate
- 4) Lead Abatement Plan in Place
- 5) Conditional Use Permit Includes:
 - A. Overhead Photos of Property
 - B. Mark Range and Ponds
 - C. Letters of Support
 - D. Sound Study (No-Berms, Winter - No Leaves or Vegetation)
 - E. Blue Sky Study
 - F. Submit Permit Packet (Completed April 1, 2022)
- 6) Sign Land Over to Forgotten Heroes Ranges & Retreat

Phase 3



Range from the Main Road



Aerial Photo as of June 2023



Starting Berms for Rifle Range



Aerial Photo of the Entrance to
Forgotten Heroes Ranges & Retreat

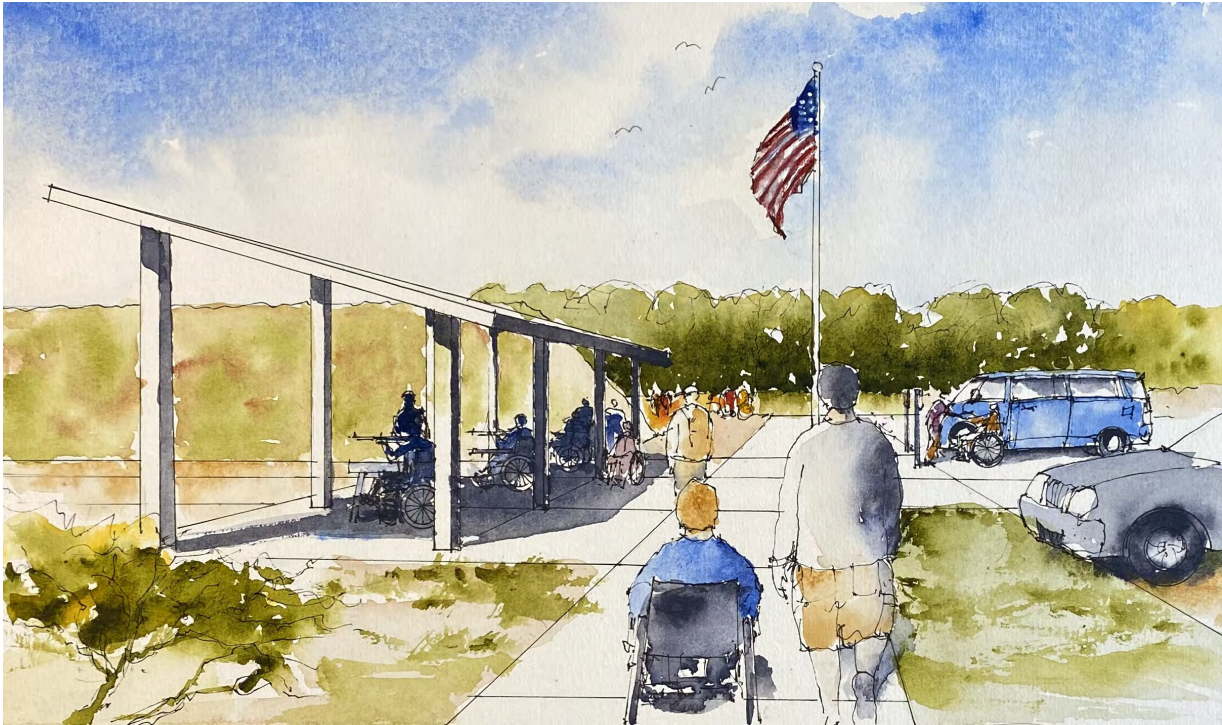


Building Berms for Pistol &
Archery Ranges



Pistol & Archery Ranges Forming

- 1) Dig Ponds for Berm Material (In Progress - Projected Summer 2023)
- 2) Widen Driveway (In Progress - Projected Summer 2023)
- 3) Building Berms
 - A. Construct Berms Using Dirt and Other Material (In progress - Projected Summer 2023)
 - B. Plant Vegetation on Berms for Erosion and Sound Barrier (Projected Summer 2023)
- 4) Build Shooting Points (Projected Summer 2023)
 - A. Concrete Slabs
 - B. Insulation and Sound Barriers
 - C. Conduct Sound Study With Berms
- 5) Install Fences, Gating, Signage and Security (Projected Summer 2023)
- 6) Finished Cleanup and Removal of Remaining Old Structures (Completed September 2022)



- 1) Install Temporary Handicap/Wheelchair Accessible Port-a-Pots
 - 2) Replace/Install Electric Meter Box & Electric
 - 3) Outdoor Lighting & Security
 - 4) Install Septic System & Well for Project
 - 5) Construct Veterans Community Center Used for All Veterans Regionally, Statewide & Upper Midwest United States Including Bathroom/Shower Points, Commons/Meeting/Recreation Area & Offices for Regional & State Veterans Organizations (i.e.: Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), Disabled American Veterans (DAV), Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA), Veterans Service Officers (VSO) & other Veterans Organizations)
 - 6) Construct Community Center - Including Bathroom/Shower Points, Offices for Safety & Organizations that Serve Disabled Citizens at National, State & Regional Levels, & Common Gathering Area
 - 7) Construct Grounds Maintenance Shop/Storage with Bathroom
 - 8) Recreation Area to Include Pavilion, Picnic Tables, Campfire Ring & Built-In Grills
 - 9) Blacktop Parking Lot & Driveway
 - 10) Construct Paths/Piers by Ponds
 - 11) Install Flag Poles
 - 12) Plant Memory Trees
 - 13) Develop Camping Sites with Septic/Electricity Hookups
- **Projected Completion Date is Fall of 2025 - Depending on Funding & Fuel/Materials Cost

Phase 5

Create Handicap Hunting Areas by Coordination with Other Land Owners Throughout the Region & State


Contact & Location

Forgotten Heroes Ranges & Retreat is located in Aitkin County,
Just 7 Miles North of McGregor, MN off of MN-65 and 450th Street (Cty Rd 62)

Physical Address:
23796 450th St.
McGregor, MN 55760

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McGregor, MN 55760

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Email: fhrandr@fhrr.org

Website: ForgottenHeroesMN.org
 [forgottenheroesmn](https://www.facebook.com/forgottenheroesmn)

Board of Directors

President/Executive Director

Bret Sample

(Retired Disabled Veteran/Aitkin County Commissioner)

Vice President/Operations Director/Secretary

Brenda Evancevich

(Retired Steelworker/Disabled Veteran Widow & Caregiver)

Treasurer

Ashley Marsyla

(Business Owner/Accountant)

Director

Brandon Evancevich

(Edward Jones Financial Advisor/UMD Financial Markets-Finance BBA)

Director

Daniel Guida

(Aitkin County Sheriff/US Air Guard)

Director

Allan Porisch

(Disabled Fabricator)

Director

Neil Sample

(MCCU VP of Commercial Lending/Bemidji State University CMA)

First Memory Tree



Our First Memory Tree Was Planted at Ground Breaking on August 14, 2022 by Tony & Paulette Sheda
In Loving Memory of Their Beloved Son, SSG Adam Sheda Who Was Murdered 10 Days After Coming
Home from Serving in Iraq.



DONATION/SPONSORSHIP FORM

Please check "X" all that apply

X	Donation Type	Additional Information Required
	Sponsorship Tax Deductible	Amount \$ _____ Frequency: <input type="checkbox"/> Annually <input type="checkbox"/> Bi-Annually (twice a year) <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
	Memory Tree & Plaque \$100 Please fill out the information for the plaque. Not-Tax Deductible	In Honor of: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Date of Death: _____ Branch of Service: _____ Dates of Service: _____ to _____ Rank: _____
	Donation of \$ _____ Tax Deductible	Please make check payable to: Forgotten Heroes Ranges & Retreat

Name of Business or Person : _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM & CHECK TO: **Forgotten Heroes Ranges & Retreat**
PO Box 405
McGregor, MN 55760

For more information, contact Bret Sample 612-695-3187 or
 Brenda Evancevich 218-290-2588 or
 Email: fhrandr@fhrr.org.

Forgotten Heroes Ranges & Retreat is a registered 501(c)3 non-profit organization. EIN#87-2167163
Thank You and Welcome to the Team!