

Woodbridge 2355 Takes Veterans and Seniors to Atlantic City



Utilizing our 2015 ENF Freedom Grant, Woodbridge Lodge 2355 sponsored and supported thirty-six warriors from the Wounded Warrior Transition Unit at Fort Belvoir, Virginia and several Senior Citizen Warriors to a trip to Atlantic City, New Jersey on October 24, 2015.

The trip provided the opportunity for these Heroes and their spouses to 'let their hair down' and spend the day in Atlantic City seeing the sights, attending a show, walking on the beach, or maybe even visiting a casino or two. During the ride to and from Atlantic City members of the Lodge provided 'steward' services serving the Veterans food, drink, and snacks. Upon arrival, the Tropicana Hotel and Casino provided each traveler with a \$15 certificate good in their establishment.

Trip organizer PDDGER Roger Highfield stated that these are "America's Heroes and providing them a day away from base with the opportunity to escape the pressures of recovery is the least we can do."

For nearly seven years Woodbridge Lodge has offered this semi-annual trip to local Veterans and Senior Citizens. It is sad to note that with the scheduled opening of the MGM Casino and Entertainment Center at National Harbor, this will probably be the Lodge's last trip to Atlantic City. It will be hard to convince service members and local senior citizens to ride a bus for four hours when they have the same facilities and entertainment opportunities in a local venue less than a-half hour away.