



JOEMC “No Barriers” Program for Veterans with Disabilities

Jones-Onslow Announces Exciting Opportunity for Veterans

Jones-Onslow is seeking a disabled veteran from its service area to nominate for the No Barriers Warrior’s Expedition Program. The program, a five-day expedition in Colorado, is designed to improve the lives of veterans with disabilities through curriculum-based experiences in challenging environments.

The No Barriers Warrior’s expeditions are described as “one part adventure, one part curriculum, and one part physical challenge”. The expedition is designed to push participants mentally and physically to help them connect with fellow disabled veterans and break through barriers in their lives. The expedition activities involve mountaineering, rafting and rock climbing which are specifically designed to accommodate participation by veterans with disabilities.

Jones-Onslow will accept nominations from disabled veterans throughout our service area. The veteran selected will be nominated to No Barriers USA to participate in the No Barriers Warrior Expedition. If the veteran is selected to participate in the expedition, there will be no cost to them...JOEMC’s financial partner, CoBank, will cover the full cost of the program including meals, gear and travel expenses.

Attached is the official nominations form and answers to some frequently asked questions. For more information visit joemc.com and click “THE COOPERATIVE” and “COMMUNITY” tab. Applications are due April 15, 2017.



Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. Is the program open to every branch of the service?** Yes. The program is open to veterans from all eras and branches, combat and non-combat, with visible and non-visible injuries. Participating veterans must have a VA disability rating and must be a current Jones-Onslow EMC member.
- 2. Who can nominate a veteran?** Anyone can nominate a veteran- whether you are a friend, family member, civilian, military member, or yourself.
- 3. What kind of disabilities can the program accommodate?** The program can accommodate veterans with a variety of physical disabilities as well as “invisible” disabilities like PTSD.
- 4. When will the expeditions take place?** CoBank/Jones-Onslow will sponsor the No Barriers Expedition scheduled for September 7-11, 2017.
- 5. Where will the expeditions take place?** Expeditions will take place at the No Barriers facility in the Red Feather Lakes region of Colorado.
- 6. Why should a disabled veteran participate in this program?** Each No Barriers Warriors expedition is designed to push veterans mentally and physically in some of nature’s most incredible wilderness settings. No Barriers creates a safe space for veterans to reflect on their past, recognize where they are in the present and then look with positivity to the future. They do so in a spirit of camaraderie; where veterans with a shared background come together to encourage and inspire each other. The No Barriers experience serves as both an opportunity for growth and a catalyst for change as the veterans stretch their boundaries, innovate through adversity and step up to serve others.
- 7. Why is CoBank/Jones-Onslow EMC offering this program?** As a mission-based organization with a focus on our local communities, we wanted to participate in this program that allow us to give back to our nation’s veterans in a substantive way, in partnership with our financial partner.
- 8. How will the applications be judged?** Jones-Onslow EMC will work with a team made up of veterans who will review all the applications and select one to nominate to No Barrier USA. No Barriers USA will determine if JOEMC’s nominee is chosen for the expedition.
- 9. Is the program open to men and women?** Yes
- 10. Where can I find out more about the No Barriers program?** Go to www.nobarriersusa.org/warriors and follow the Program tab to learn about the Warrior expedition. For questions regarding Jones-Onslow EMC’s sponsorship, please contact Paula Redick, Assistant Vice President of Community and Public Relations at predick@joemc.com or call 910-577-6350.
- 11. When is the deadline?** Because the selection process takes several months, we need your application by April 15, 2017.

No Barriers Nomination Form

Person you would like to nominate:

Self Other

First Name: _____ Last Name _____

Preferred Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email Address: _____

What, if any, is the connection between your organization and the veteran you are nominating? If you are nominating yourself, write "self".

Please describe why you feel the nominated veteran (or if you are applying, you) would be a good fit for the CoBank/Jones-Onslow EMC No Barriers program (*attach additional page if needed*).

Nominator Information: Who are you?

**If nominating yourself do not complete this section.*

First Name: _____ Last Name _____

Organization Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email Address: _____

Please email or mail completed nomination form to:

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