

No Barriers Warrior's Expedition Program

Frequently Asked Questions

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 invisible injuries. Participating veterans must have a VA disability rating and must be a current Jones-Onslow EMC member.

Who can nominate a veteran?

Anyone can nominate a veteran- whether you are a friend, family member, civilian, military member, or yourself.

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.

When will the expeditions take place?

CoBank will sponsor four, five-day expeditions which will take place in June and July 2020. CoBank will also sponsor several veterans to participate in the annual No Barrier Summit that will take place September 18, 2020, in San Francisco, CA.

Where will the expeditions take place?

Moderate-level basecamp expeditions will take place at the No Barriers facility at Red Feather Lakes Colorado. Moderate and difficult-level backcountry expeditions will take place in the Colorado backcountry.

Is there any cost to participate?

No. JOEMC's financial partner CoBank is underwriting all costs for participating veterans, including transportation.

Why should I consider participating?

Each No Barriers Warriors expedition is designed to challenge you mentally and physically in some of nature's most incredible wilderness. This is more than a mountain vacation. No Barriers creates a safe space to reflect on your past, recognize where you are in the present and then look with positivity to the future. They do so in a spirit of camaraderie. On a NO Barriers expedition you will come together with other veterans with a shared background to encourage and inspire each other. The No Barriers experience serves as both an opportunity for growth and a catalyst for change. It is a chance to stretch your boundaries, innovate through adversity and step up to serve others.

Why is CoBank/Jones-Onslow offering this program?

As mission-based organizations with a focus on our local communities, both CoBank and Jones-Onslow wanted to participate in this program that allows us to give back to our nation's veterans in a substantive way.

What happens once a veteran is nominated for No Barriers Warrior's Expedition Program?

A representative from Jones-Onslow will contact you and provide you with the specific details about the program and the application process. Nominations are due by April 1, 2020.

Where can I learn more about the program?

To learn more about the program go to nobarriersusa.org or to joemc.com.