

The House in the Woods, Military & Family Retreat's mission is to create a therapeutic, recreational, and educational retreat for our nation's U.S. armed forces and their families, using outdoor wilderness activities in Maine and other natural habitats, to help participants share common challenges related to their service and sacrifice in protecting our nation's freedom and democratic ideals.



All food & lodging is provided at **NO COST** to our veterans and active-duty military.

Depending on the retreat, lodging may include rustic cabins with few amenities, lodges, or hotel rooms.

Not all lodging spaces are handicapped-accessible.

Food may be prepared by volunteers or by the guides and participants themselves.

For most retreats, you will bring your own gear including sleeping bags, firearms & ammunition.

*Please discuss medical, mobility, food and gear issues with House In The Woods staff.



About Us

Paul and Dee House are the parents of Sgt. Joel A. House who paid the ultimate sacrifice on June 23, 2007 in Taji, Iraq. Paul is a life-long Maine woodsman and Maine Master Guide. Dee, a high school teacher, is a former Navy "brat" who grew up in military housing and schools during the Vietnam War era. Their vision for House in the Woods Military and Family Retreat began shortly after Joel was killed when they attended the military memorial service at Fort Hood, TX of the 19 soldiers from the Army base who had died the same month as their son. It was both emotionally overwhelming and comforting to be around so many families who were experiencing the same grief and loss as their own. They dreamed of creating a program using Maine's outdoor resources which could help military families support one another.

Bill and Quie Emery are the parents of Sgt. Blair Emery who paid the ultimate sacrifice on November 30, 2007 in Baqubah, Iraq. Bill is a life-long woodsman and active outdoor enthusiast. Quie is a homemaker known for her delicious home-cooked meals. The Emery's learned first hand of comforting power of being supported by other Gold Star family members when Blair was killed 5 months after Joel, making the town of Lee, Maine (pop. 845) the smallest U.S. town to suffer multiple war casualties.

217 Skunk Hill Rd. • Lee, ME 04455

207.738.VETS (8387)

Paul's Cell: 207.570.4806

email: Deanna.House@houseinthewoods.org

houseinthewoods.org

 Find us on
Facebook



MILITARY & FAMILY RETREAT

An outdoor retreat program that honors our veterans and their families' sacrifices and assists them in their journey towards healing the mental and physical pain of loss.

DID YOU KNOW? Our lodge and office facility in Lee, Maine will allow for dozens more retreats, so check for updates starting Spring 2017.

HUNTING



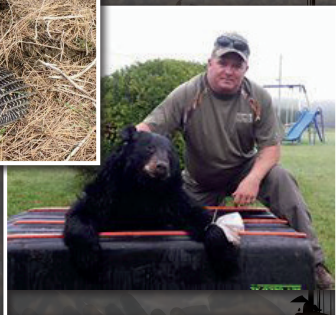
3-Day Turkey Hunt (ME) May

3-Day Moose Hunt (ME) Sept.

5-Day Black Bear Hunt (ME) Aug.- Sept.

3-Day Partridge Hunt (ME) Oct.

3-Day White-Tail Deer Hunt (ME) Nov.



FISHING

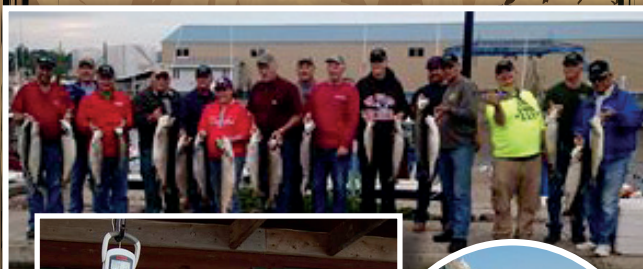


1-Day Ice Fishing Derby (ME) Late Jan
Great Pond OEC.

3-Day Native Trout & Togue Fishing (ME) 1st of May
Hosted by Nugent's Camps.

2-Day Brown Trout & Other Fish (NY) Early June
Hatrack Charters & all.

1-Day Striper Fishing (ME) Mid July
Hosted by Forrest Faulkingham.



RECREATION



Side X Side 4-Wheeling (ME) May-Oct

Battle of the Badges Basketball Tournament (ME) April
Skehan Rec Center. Maine public safety community.

Rocky Knoll Country Club Tourney (ME) July

Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association 17-1 Motorcycle Ride (ME) July

American Cribbage Congress Maine Tourney (ME) July

American Legion Riders Post 80 Motorcycle Ride (ME) Aug

