WARRIOR HIKE TRAILS



The Appalachian Trail is approximately 2,185 miles long and crosses 14 states from Georgia to Maine.



The Continental Divide Trail is approximately 3,100 miles long and crosses 4 states from New Mexico to Montana.



The Pacific Crest Trail is approximately 2,650 miles long and crosses 3 states from California to Washington.

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Sean Gobin founded Warrior Hike in 2011 and after thru-hiking the Appalachian Trail in 2012 now serves as the Executive Director. Captain Sean Gobin enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1994 as an



Infantry Rifleman and received his commission upon graduating from the University of Mississippi in 2001. As an Armor Officer, Sean served as a platoon commander in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003 and again in 2005. In 2011, Sean trained the Afghan National Security Forces in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.



ABOUT WARRIOR HIKE

Historically military units would experience a lengthy journey home after fighting a campaign abroad. During this journey home warriors would process and decompress from their wartime experiences. But in today's age of modern transportation military personnel can find themselves home within a few days of serving in a combat zone.

Since 2001 over 2.5 million veterans have returned home from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan but many of them have never transitioned from their experiences. Recently The Department of Veteran Affairs has reported that over 20% of Iraq and Afghanistan veterans now suffer from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

Therefore Warrior Hike has partnered with the Appalachian Trail Conservancy, the Continental Divide Trail Coalition, and the Pacific Crest Trail Association to create the "Walk Off The War" Program.



WHO WE SUPPORT

Warrior Hike supports veterans who have served in a combat zone, have been honorably discharged, and desire to thru-hike one of America's three national scenic trails as a means to transition from their military service.



ROBERT CARMEL, U.S. ARMY



SHARON SMITH, U.S. AIR FORCE TOM GATHMAN, U.S. MARINES





HOW WE SUPPORT

Veterans participating in the "Walk Off The War" Program will receive various forms of support during and after their thru-hike. First, veterans will receive the necessary equipment and supplies required to complete a thru-hike of a national scenic trail.

Next, Warrior Hike will coordinate trail town support with the numerous veteran and hiking organizations that are located along the trails. Trail town support will include food, transportation, and lodging in addition to providing the opportunity to foster camaraderie with veterans from past wars and with local communities.

Lastly, Warrior Hike will assist veterans with future employment opportunities offered by the numerous supporters of the "Walk Off The War" Program, partnered veteran job placement companies, and veteran hiring services.

