

Thanks again to IT Cadre and Maria for supporting the United Hero's League 2020 event. As we know 2020 has been an interesting year so we were very fortunate that this event to support Veterans and their family was conducted. It has been a tough year for charity events in a time when we probably need more outreach.

Very similar event to last year where professional bass guides volunteered their time to take families fishing on the Occoquan River. We had 7 captains signed up to take 5 families fishing, along with our very own celebrity...#63 Will Montgomery!!! And the organizer of the trip Steve Payne (NHL Hockey great) with the sponsor. Did I mention that IT Cadre was the lone sponsor for the event? Heck yea, kudos to IT Cadre for making this happen. It started out a little slow as we waited for 1 family and 1 captain that got caught in traffic.



Steve Payne did his usual intro and covered all the bases. One captain spoke up about his flag he flies in honor of all the Vets, and one in particular. Once the family showed we all headed down the ramps to take off for fishing. The rules this year were simple – any fish counts. Any size, anything.

Really kind of a cool start to see all the bass boats lined up in the water taking off just like a professional tournament. That was probably lost by the kids because they were just pumped up to go out fishing. The only issue was the one last captain was missing. There was thought to be a text response that said be there in 30 mins. I was in the boat with Steve waiting with the other family for the captain to show. Decision was made to just let the family take our boat and we would wait.



Well, we waited, waited, and had no response via cell. It was that feeling you get when someone says they will be right back and you know that they are not going to show up. Steve and I headed up to the pavilion and just hung out talking hockey, politics, life eventsOh and FISHING for the next 4 hours. Not a bad deal. I was able to break away for a client call when the boats were returning around 1:00. Sorry, round 1300.

We can't report a great bite for any of the boats, but a few fish were caught.



Teams reported back for a catered lunch by Mission Barbeque and awards were presented.



All of the kids enjoyed the trip. All in all another great event. Thank you again for the gracious donation that turned into a great fishing event. Thanks – Dave & Will.