

Clearwater Retreat: By The Canadian Veterans Services Society

Purchased in 2020, CVSS acquired 142 acres of land south of Caroline, Alberta. An amazing piece of pristine forested land with the Raven River (a trout spawning river with a fish hatchery just upstream) winding through the property, said to be "Paradise" by many! Allan Reid, founder of CVSS, wanted a place where all who came would experience a sense of peace and calmness and get back to nature to refresh and heal mind, body and spirit! A safe place for healing of PTSD and Treatment.

IN THE BEGINNING:

In 2020-2022 started with a residence, building roads and trails throughout the property for safe movement, and began to erect cabins. Twelve are now completed named Alpha to Lima. All are well insulated and finished with the highest quality material and care.

THE PURPOSE:

Clearwater Retreat is for Veterans, First Responders primarily for PTSD Treatment and group therapy and Peer-to-Peer Support. Occasionally fun weekends for their entire family to use for free. Activities include

hiking, fishing, campfires, sing-along, and a variety of workshops all to foster a sense of brotherhood and community to bring likeminded people together. All guests are encouraged to volunteer to help-out where needed, but if a Veteran needs some reflective time, soaking up the sun's rays, fishing or swimming in the river that's the vision for this place!





WHAT TO BRING:

Guests must be self-sufficient and typically can stay 4-7 days depending on the circumstances. They'll advise to go to one of the closest CVSS Veteran Food Banks (Edmonton, Red Deer or Calgary) for a shopping visit where they will gather enough food, needed while at Clearwater Retreat. Please bring your own bedding and towels. There is a shared living and games area and a communal kitchen for cooking and BBQ on the deck. As this amazing facility is in the forest and is extremely vulnerable to fire, there is NO SMOKING (of any kind) indoors in any of the facilities! Book a cabin by Emailing to Retreat@cavss.ca

There is never a financial hardship for Veterans or First Responders to visit Clearwater Retreat, "it must be completely FREE and they'll get a feeling of self-worth and accomplishment in being part of building an amazing facility for so many to enjoy" says Allan.

FUTURE PLANS:

Continue building upon the vision, building the cabins to reach 26 total, build a commercial kitchen and build bathroom and shower facilities to accommodate larger groups at a time. Eventually to see collaborations with professionals to offer group programs on occasion and to have themed weekends for the whole family to enjoy.



SPONSORSHIP:

Corporate Leaders and like-minded Individuals that wish to be a part of the legacy being built and having a wonderful place dedicated to Veterans and First Responders!

We offer a Sponsorship Program whereby an entire cabin is dedicated to your company with a plaque that hangs on the exterior of the cabin you've sponsored.

Single Cabins \$6,500 with furniture package \$11,000 total and a Double Cabin \$10,000 with a furniture package \$14,500!

All guests that stay in that cabin will know you or your company felt strongly about the vision and the legacy it will leave!

Currently, six cabins are sponsored, we're in need of 20 more today! One for each of the NATO Phonetic Alphabet (Alpha, Bravo, Charlie, etc)

Quote from a past guest, "Clearwater Retreat is a safe-haven to let go of the stresses of life. The minute I crossed onto the property it enveloped me, a sense of peace and calmness. I will be back."

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