

RICHARD I. BONG VETERANS HISTORICAL CENTER

2026 VETERANS LAKESIDE RETREAT

July 13th through 20th 2026

Veterans Lakeside Retreat • Free Trip for Veterans

Peace and reflection near the Boundary Waters Canoe Area • 7 Days at a Northern Minnesota Resort

Fishing • Relaxing • Sightseeing • Boating • Hiking

FREE TRIP FOR VETERANS

A once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to unplug, recharge, and reconnect with yourself and fellow veterans in the tranquility of Northern Minnesota.

Location: Beautiful lakeside resort on the edge of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area.

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- 7 Days / 6 Nights Lodging
- All Meals & Transportation
- Gear Provided for Activities
- Shared Lodging with Fellow Veterans
- Supportive, Peaceful Environment



ACTIVITIES TO ENJOY:

- Fishing
- Boating
- Hiking
- Scenic Tours
- Campfires & Reflection
- Time to Relax & Unwind

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

Veterans of any service branch looking for peace, connection, and a breath of fresh air.

HOW TO APPLY: Submit your application before June 6, 2026.

Visit:www.bongcenter.org or contact: John Gidley: gidley@bongcenter.org

LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE – DON'T MISS OUT!

Veteran's Lakeside Retreat 2026



APPLICATION FORM 2026
VETERANS LAKESIDE RETREAT • TRIP DATES: JULY 13TH THROUGH AUGUST 20TH, 2026

REQUIREMENTS

- **Veteran Status:** Only Honorable or General Under Honorable Conditions are eligible to apply (DD-214 verification required) **Submit DD214 With Application**
- Active Duty/National Guard/Reserve Member Coast Guard

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Phone number: _____ Email: _____

Address:_____

City:_____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Disability: Yes ___ No ___ Percentage _____

TYPE OF DISABILITY (required to provide VA documentation to verify):

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS Example: service dog, CPAP machine, etc.

PHYSICAL CAPABILITIES: Able to **lift 25lbs**:Yes ___ No ___
Walk a mile on flat terrain: Yes ___ No ___
Able to climb a large set of stairs daily without assistance: Yes ___ No ___
(A necessary requirement due to the layout of the location and cannot be modified.)
Get in and out of boat on your own: Yes ___ No ___

WHAT WOULD THIS TRIP MEAN TO YOU? (Minimum of 100 words; use additional sheets as necessary) *This question is a primary factor in selecting participants for the trip.