THE BOUIE RIVER VALOR BRIDGE FOUNDATION

DONOR & SPONSOR PARTNERSHIP PACKET

CAMP VALOR

A place of rest, connection, and outdoor renewal for combat veterans living with PTSD and their families.

STANDING FOR THOSE WHO STOOD FOR US

Covington County, Mississippi • Bouie River

Partnership opportunities for individuals, businesses, civic groups, foundations, and community organizations

A Letter to Our Prospective Partners

Dear Friend of America's Veterans,

The Bouie River Valor Bridge Foundation is building Camp Valor in Covington County, Mississippi - a peaceful outdoor retreat created to serve combat veterans living with post-traumatic stress and to welcome their families alongside them.

Our vision is simple: give veterans a place where they can step away from the pressures of everyday life, reconnect with family and fellow veterans, spend time outdoors, and know that their community has not forgotten the price they paid in service to our country.

Camp Valor is being developed along the Bouie River and includes a small oxbow island. Plans call for cabins, bathhouses, an intake/welcome facility, staff space, trails, utilities, improved road access, and a walking bridge. Activities are expected to include fishing, kayaking, canoeing, camping, wildlife watching, swimming, boating, and time on nature trails.

The Foundation's goal is to make week-long stays available to veterans and their families at no charge, with a long-term target capacity of approximately 600 veterans each year as the property and facilities are completed.

This is a community-built mission. We are asking individuals, companies, contractors, civic organizations, foundations, and friends of veterans to help us turn the Camp Valor plan into a lasting place of welcome.

Whether your support is financial, material, professional, or volunteer-based, you can help build something that says clearly to our veterans: You stood for us. Now we will stand for you.

With gratitude,

The Leadership and Board
The Bouie River Valor Bridge Foundation

Our Mission

To provide free, restorative outdoor retreat experiences for combat veterans living with PTSD and their families, while strengthening connection, dignity, hope, and community support.

Why Camp Valor

Military service can continue to carry a cost long after a veteran comes home. Camp Valor is being designed as a welcoming, non-clinical retreat environment where veterans and their families can slow down, spend meaningful time together, enjoy the outdoors, and connect with people who respect their service.

Camp Valor is not presented as a substitute for professional mental-health treatment or emergency services. Its role is to provide hospitality, recreation, family connection, peer community, and a place of respite.

Who We Intend to Serve

- Combat veterans living with PTSD.
- Veterans who would benefit from a peaceful outdoor retreat and supportive community.
- Spouses and family members who share the challenges of life after military service.
- Veterans and families who may not otherwise be able to afford a week-long getaway.

The Camp Valor Vision

Camp Valor is planned on the Bouie River in Covington County, Mississippi, including a small oxbow island that provides a distinctive natural setting for the retreat.

Planned Facilities

- 5 cabins on Camp Valor Island and 15 cabins on the mainland - approximately 300 square feet each.
- Welcome and intake building.
- Separate men's and women's bathhouses.
- Staff building.
- Nature trails and outdoor gathering areas.
- Water and electrical service.
- Approximately one-half mile of improved access road to the island area.
- A planned 40-foot-long, 10-foot-wide walking bridge.

Outdoor Experiences

- Fishing
- Kayaking and canoeing
- Primitive camping
- Wildlife watching
- Swimming
- Boat access
- Nature trails and quiet time outdoors

Program Goal

As Camp Valor is built out and operations mature, the Foundation's long-term goal is to serve approximately 600 veterans per year, generally through week-long stays, with families welcome.

What We Are Building

Project Priority	Current Planning Figure	Purpose
Access Road	$75,000 estimated	Improved access toward the island and Camp Valor facilities.
Cabins	$10,000 estimated each	20 planned cabins total: 5 island, 15 mainland.

Walking Bridge	Funding needed	Planned 40 ft. x 10 ft. pedestrian connection.
Utilities	Funding needed	Water and electrical infrastructure.
Bathhouses	Funding needed	Men's and women's facilities.
Welcome / Intake	Funding needed	A dedicated arrival and orientation space.
Staff Building	Funding needed	Operational support for Camp Valor.
Trails & Site Work	Funding needed	Safe, welcoming outdoor access and recreation.

Planning note: These figures are working estimates previously developed by the Foundation and should be confirmed with current bids before being represented as final construction costs.

Ways to Stand With Our Veterans

A strong Camp Valor partnership can take many forms. Prospective supporters may choose the type of help that best fits their business, organization, or family.

Financial Gifts: Unrestricted gifts or gifts designated toward an approved Camp Valor construction or operating priority.

Materials & Equipment: Building materials, electrical or plumbing supplies, fixtures, tools, outdoor equipment, furnishings, gravel, lumber, or other needed items.

Professional & Skilled Services: Construction, excavation, electrical, plumbing, engineering, surveying, legal, accounting, design, printing, technology, and other professional assistance.

Program Support: Meals, outdoor recreation equipment, family activities, transportation assistance, supplies, or other approved needs for veteran stays.

Volunteer Support: Organized workdays, property cleanup, trail work, event support, and other board-approved volunteer projects.

Suggested Sponsorship Conversation Levels

The levels below are designed as starting points for donor conversations. Recognition benefits and any naming opportunities should be confirmed in writing by the Foundation before a sponsorship is finalized.

Level	Suggested Gift	How It Helps
Friend of Valor	**$250+**	General mission support; recognition opportunities may be arranged.
Valor Supporter	**$500+**	Helps with supplies, site needs, and program development.
Veteran Advocate	**$1,000+**	Supports larger site, cabin, or program priorities.

Camp Valor Partner	**$2,500+**	Meaningful support toward construction, infrastructure, or veteran stays.
Founding Builder	**$5,000+**	Major project support; customized recognition may be discussed.
Legacy Partner	**$10,000+**	Leadership-level support; customized project partnership may be discussed.
Mission Partner	**$25,000+**	Transformational support toward major Camp Valor infrastructure or program capacity.

A Tangible Way to Give

Based on the Foundation's current planning estimate, approximately $10,000 can fund the construction cost of one planned 300-square-foot cabin before any final bid adjustments, furnishings, utility connections, or site-specific expenses. A donor may also choose to underwrite part of a cabin or combine support with other donors.

What Your Partnership Makes Possible

- A free place for combat veterans and their families to get away together.
- Cabins and facilities designed around simple, welcoming outdoor hospitality.
- Access to fishing, paddling, trails, camping, and time in nature.
- A setting where veterans can connect with family and fellow veterans without the financial burden of a vacation stay.
- A permanent community statement that military service and sacrifice are remembered.

Stewardship & Accountability

The Bouie River Valor Bridge Foundation is committed to building Camp Valor responsibly and to communicating clearly with donors about the use of contributed funds, materials, and services.

- Project-specific gifts should be documented and tracked for their intended approved purpose.
- In-kind gifts should be acknowledged with a description of the donated property or service; donors are responsible for determining any tax value.
- Major construction expenditures should be supported by bids, invoices, contracts, or comparable records.
- Sponsor recognition and naming arrangements should be approved and documented before commitments are made.
- Program claims should remain focused on retreat, recreation, connection, and support rather than promises of medical treatment or clinical outcomes.

Important Tax-Status Disclosure

The Foundation is pursuing federal recognition of tax-exempt status under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3). Until the organization has filed the required application and/or received IRS recognition as applicable, prospective donors should not be told that a contribution is presently guaranteed to be tax-deductible. Donors should consult their tax adviser regarding their individual circumstances.

IRS guidance states that contributors do not have advance assurance of deductibility while an exemption application is pending, and generally contributions to an organization required to file Form 1023 are not deductible if the organization has not filed the required application. If a timely filed application is later approved, recognition may apply retroactively to the organization's formation date, subject to IRS rules.

Leadership

The Foundation is being led by a small group committed to establishing Camp Valor and building the governance, fundraising, and operating structure needed for long-term service.

Name	Role
Ella Youngblood	President
Charles David Knight	Secretary

Join Us in Building Camp Valor

We welcome the opportunity to speak with you about a financial gift, an in-kind contribution, a project sponsorship, skilled services, or another way your organization can help.

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Prospective Partner Interest Form

Name / Organization: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

I am interested in: ☐ Financial Gift ☐ In-Kind Gift ☐ Sponsorship
☐ Skilled Services ☐ Volunteer Support ☐ Other

Area or project of interest: _____

Estimated gift / value (optional): _____

Notes: _____

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