

# A.V. NAPOLITANO POST 141

## Trumbull, Connecticut



August 29, 2016

Commander Robert Talbot  
American Legion Post #7  
P.O. Box 225; 94 Eastern Avenue  
Rochester, New Hampshire 03867

Re: Veterans' Rowing & Kayaking Program

Dear Commander Talbot:

I was made aware of this program by Tom Dorney, a fellow veteran whom I have known for many years. Tom serves on the Advisory Board of Veterans' Rowing & Kayaking, Inc., a 501c3 organization based in my hometown of Trumbull, Connecticut. Through Tom, I became acquainted with Paul-Stephen Varszegi who is the Founder and President of the organization; Paul is a disabled Marine Corps veteran and is also a Trumbull resident.

Veterans' Rowing & Kayaking has a Gold level rating on GuideStar, which is a national accrediting agency of all non-profits in the US. They are a small regional organization with over 50+ sponsors and supporters in six states where they are running weekly programs throughout the year. The organization's goal is to facilitate the growth and recovery of severely disabled military veterans through recreation rehabilitation rowing and kayaking.

They recently partnered with Pinewood Lake Association in our hometown of Trumbull, CT where they have provided programming this spring and summer with kayaking for disabled veterans.

I have been invited to several activities with a group of blind and otherwise vision impaired veterans and I had the opportunity to speak with many of them individually; and all indicated their enthusiastic support and love for the programs.

My understanding from Mr. Varszegi is that they wish to reach out to your Post about the possibility of creating a similar program for veterans and their family members in the Rochester area. At my ended, I have invited Paul to address our members at the next membership meeting on September.

Based on what I have observed and the feedback from program veterans within their organization, I would highly recommend them to any veteran's service organizations to partner with.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,

George Aronson  
Post Commander

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