

Tents for Troops



Enjoy life, away from the field

Hershey RV Show 2017

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TENTS FOR TROOPS



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Tents for Troops getting support from Wayne Newton



MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission at **Tents for Troops** is to make it as easy as possible for you, our troops and their family, to enjoy the unique and memorable experiences that only an RV vacation can bring.

Tents for Troops BBQ



About Tents for Troops

- ▶ Tents for Troops is a nationwide program that connects active members of the military with RV parks and campgrounds. Nearly 300 participating parks in 47 states provide a welcome opportunity for active military members to tent or RV at some of the finest parks in the US for a minimum of two nights, complementary upon making advance reservations and presenting Military ID at check-in.

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About Tents for Troops

- ▶ Founded by Charlie Curry, developer of Toutle River RV Resort in Washington state, Curry began offering free nights to military members at his own park about nine years ago. At that time, he was managing a band of Australian musicians who had recorded a song titled “Children of America” that was a tribute to the soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen who had protected the island country.



**Making
Memories.....**

About Tents for Troops

- ▶ “After I heard the song, I thought to myself here these kids from Australia were doing more to honor our military than I was, and that’s when I came up with the idea that became Tents for Troops,” said Curry.



Coming Home.....

About Tents for Troops

- ▶ The Tents for Troops program is for Active Duty Military and their families. The majority of users are young families with one or two children. Approximately 50% camp in RVs and 50% camp in tents. “They are great guests. In fact, they build extraordinarily positive word of mouth for the park and the program as they share their T4T experience with other campers,” said Curry. “The goodwill benefits associated with this gesture far outweigh any site revenue lost and the Facebook publicity by celebrities such as Bret Michaels, Dolly Parton, and Willie Nelson add even more cache to the parks.



Semper Fi.....

Using Tents for Troops

- ▶ Participating **Tents for Troops** parks are delighted to host active military personnel and their immediate families, sharing their special brand of outdoor hospitality. Reservations are always required. You can find the park's phone number on our park page. Please call the RV park or campground directly to arrange your stay. Troops will be required to present a Military I.D. at the time of check in. The program is exclusively for active military camping with members of their immediate family.



**Good Times, Good Food and
Good Friends.....**

Using Tents for Troops

It's important to note that parks may be full or may have dates when they do not participate in the program. They're not obligated to provide free sites in this instance. Please be courteous to our member parks. They want you to have a fabulous stay.



The RV Way of
Life.....

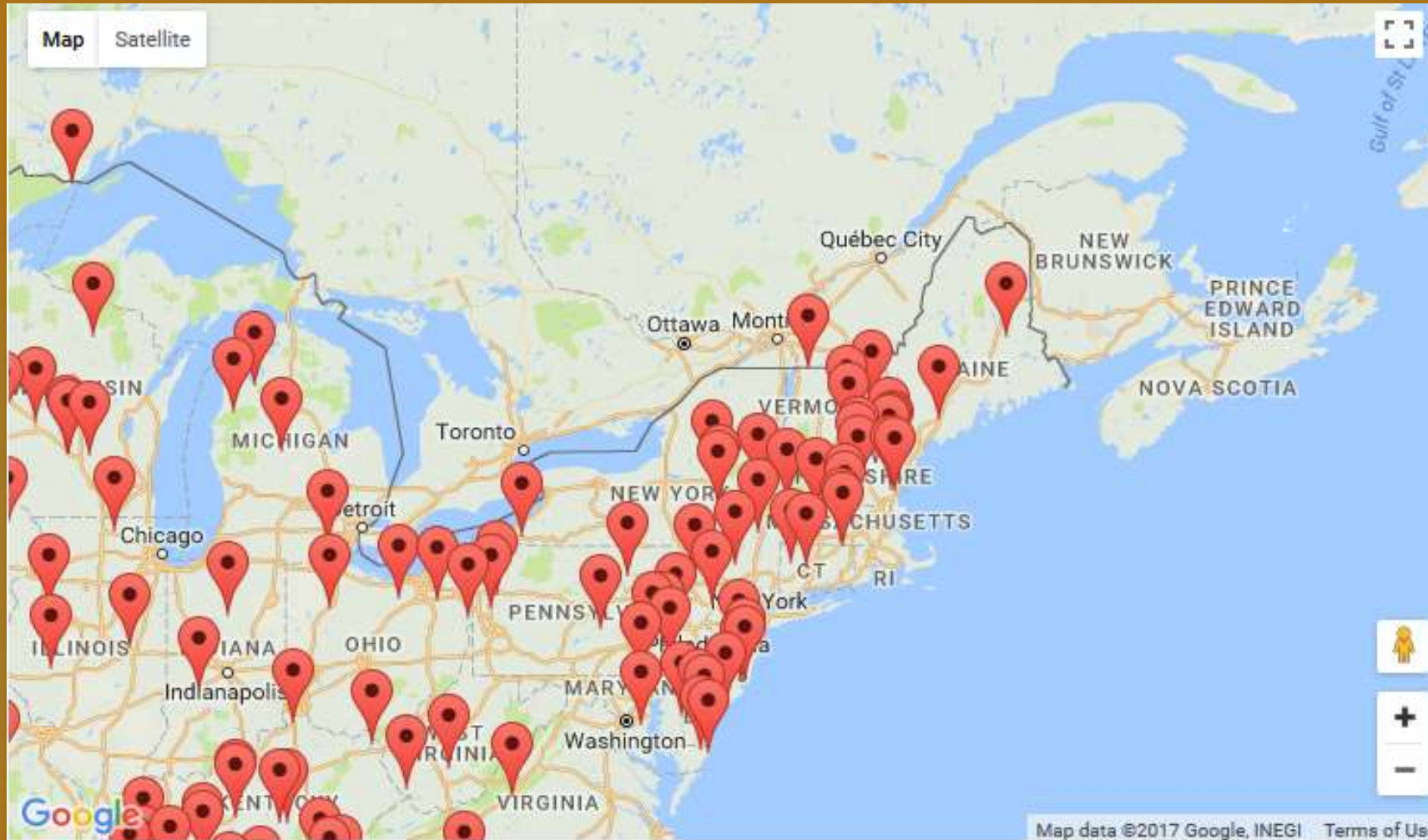
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Another Tents for Troops BBQ.....

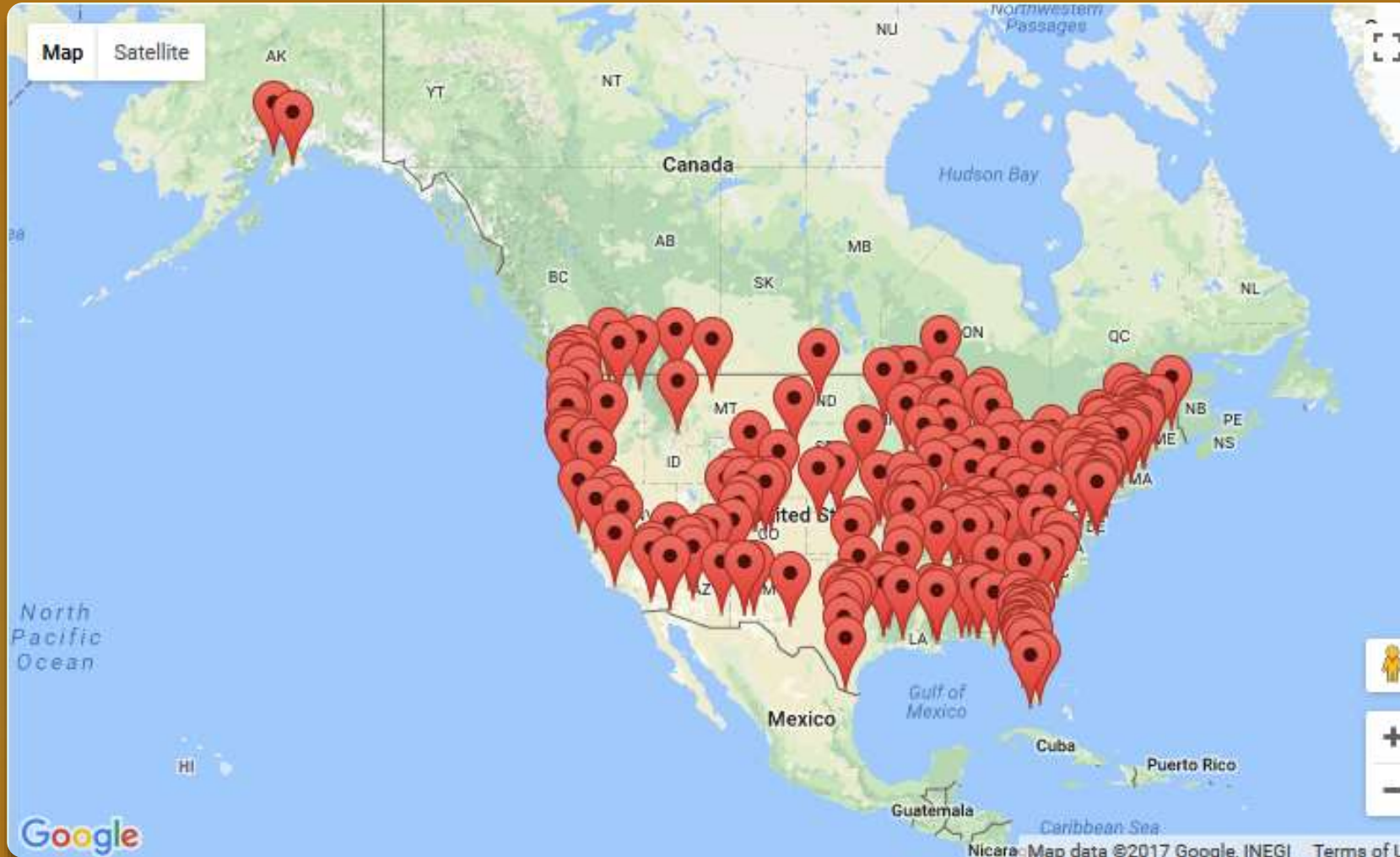
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Having Fun at a Tents for Troops BBQ.....

Tents for Troops Locations Nationwide





Sharing Stories....

How to Become a Tent for Troops Park

- ▶ **Two sites, two nights. Really, that's it.**
- ▶ To become a participating park member of **Tents for Troops** all we ask is that you commit to providing two sites for two nights when an active member of the military requests a reservation.



How to Become a Tent for Troops Park

- ▶ You are under no obligation by joining Tents for Troops. There is no contract for a required amount of time in the program, no fees or hidden costs. You may black out holidays and special event or festival dates as you wish. If you want to dedicate more Tents for Troops sites or additional nights of camping, you may. For example, you may choose to include 10 sites in the program and up to one week of camping. Some parks even include cabins or rentals for those that do not have their own unit but want to experience family camping. You, the park operator, choose exactly to what extent you want to participate. Perhaps you want every space in the RV park or campground to be open to active military for a full week! Or maybe you'd prefer to begin with two sites for two nights. Your call.



Toutle River RV Resort,
Thank you for tents for troops
and your support of our
nation's military and their
families. Sincerely,
Jay L. COB
CHIEF OF THE BOAT

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How to Become a Tent for Troops Park

- ▶ Tents for Troops has only **two requirements** for participating parks: 1) offer at least two sites for two nights when an active member of the military and their immediate family want to stay at your park provided you have vacant sites and 2) you may not exclude or black out weekends other than holiday weekends.



Vice Admiral & Commander US Navy 3d Fleet Kenneth Floyd (right) now retired "Pink" is a full-time RV'er and Tents for Troops Board Member

Share the Tents for Troops Message

- ▶ Troops: Tell your friends and family about us!
- ▶ Help promote the growth of Tents For Troops by word-of-mouth. Recommend the site to any active military members you know, share it on Facebook, ask non-participating parks to join.



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Tents for Troops Needs Your Used RVs

- ▶ Tents for Troops is starting to loan out RVs to our Troops as well. If upgrading please consider donating your current RV to Tents for Troops. This will help us provide RVs for our Troops and a major tax benefit may be available to you

– we are a 501c3.



More Memories Made.....

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