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Fishing With America's Finest

We had a phone call recently from a Coastal Angler Fort Lauderdale reader, asking if we could help him spread the word about a passion of his, and yup, it's fishing! But Capt. Neal Stark and his eleven year old son, Jake, are also passionate about his country and the soldiers who have risked their lives for the American way of life.

In honor of the men and women who serve in the armed forces, American Everglades Guide, Capt. Neal Stark offers a "Soldiers Retreat", a day of bass fishing in the Florida Everglades. His website says it best:

"We want to fish with America's Finest. We would like to give back for all of the sacrifices you have made for the freedom we have to enjoy the sport we love, fishing. Our Armed Forces are out there all over the world everyday risking their lives to keep the American way of life. Our family decided the best way we could show our gratitude to these brave soldiers is by "Taking A Soldier Fishing." We give them a peaceful, yet fun-filled day of Fish Therapy with as many of their comrades or family as we can

accommodate at one time. Everyone of these soldiers capture our hearts and leave with us a huge impression of dedicated patriotism. Come and enjoy the Florida Everglades and some of the best bass fishing there is."

Capt. Neal Stark is a Florida native who grew up fishing, offshore, inshore and freshwater. Along with eleven year old son, Jake, they explore the Everglades from Lake Okeechobee to Flamingo. Capt. Stark provides his fishing

knowledge and a day of bass fishing, with rods, reels and tackle provided, along with soft drinks and sandwiches. The Soldiers Retreat is available at no charge for active



Matt (U.S.M.C.) was home on leave after 3 tours of duty in Iraq, and enjoyed a day of bass fishing with his dad, Doug.

Doug enjoyed the catch as much as his son, Matt

ABOVE: American Everglades guide, Neal Stark and son, Jake offer veterans a free day of guided fishing with their Soldiers Retreat program.

LEFT: Tom (U.S.M.C.) spent a day with his son, Calvin, fishing with Capt. Neal Stark and his son, Jake.

or non-active military personnel at no charge. All that is required is a valid military ID (and/or DD214), and the eagerness to share a day fishing.

If interested, please contact Capt. Neal Stark at 954-822-1481 or info@americanevergladesguide.com.