

# OPERATION - "WEDDINGS FOR WARRIORS"

## CONTEST OFFICIAL RULES

**NO PURCHASE NECESSARY TO ENTER OR WIN. VOID WHERE PROHIBITED BY LAW. THIS CONTEST IS OPEN TO QUALIFIED MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED SERVICES MEETING THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS BELOW, WHO ARE AGE 18 OR OLDER.**

Employees and their immediate families (parents, husband, wife, brothers, sisters and children) of Walters Wedding Estates (the "Sponsor"), its agents and the subsidiaries and affiliated businesses of each, are not eligible to enter or win.

### **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**

- Active, honorably discharged, or retired members of the United States Armed Services ("Qualified Veteran"). Entries are submitted by couples, but only one member of the couple must be a Qualified Veteran. Qualified Veteran must provide Form DD 214 as confirmation of eligibility.
- Winning couple must agree and be available to have their wedding ceremony and reception at the selected Walters Wedding Estates venue during the months of January, February, July, or August 2023, and on an agreed upon weekday evening on Sunday through Friday. Weekend holidays are excluded from the contest.
- Winning couple must enter into the Wedding for Warriors Agreement documenting the couple's selected venue and ceremony and reception details. Allowed guest count will vary based on the Venue size. Reception, regardless of Venue size, is limited to a maximum of 200 attendees, including the wedding party and family.
- The winning couple must also enter into a media waiver and photo release that allows Walters Wedding Estates and affiliates to freely use individual, couple, and wedding photos in its advertising.

### **ENTER ONLINE OR BY MAIL:**

You may enter on-line or by mail at Walters Wedding Estates during the application period January 2022 through June 1, 2022. No entries will be accepted after 11:59 pm, Central Time, June 1, 2022. Only one entry per couple. In the event multiple entries are received by a couple in good faith, only the first entry received will be eligible; the additional entries will be voided and disregarded. Entrants must provide a valid email address where you can be contacted if you are a winning couple. Couples who cannot be notified by the email address provided will be disqualified and a new winner will be selected.

### **ON-LINE METHOD:**

To enter on-line, access the Sponsor's website at [www.waltersweddingstates.com/weddingsforwarriors](http://www.waltersweddingstates.com/weddingsforwarriors) and provide requested information via the entry form. Ensure you complete the entire form and select 'Submit'. Entries made through the

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Internet are deemed to be made by the authorized account holder of the email address at the time of entry. Sponsor's administrator's server/computer is the official time keeping device for the contest. Sponsor is not liable to technical difficulties or technical failures.

### ***MAIL-IN METHOD:***

To enter by mail, complete and print out an entry form and send it with sufficient postage, to: Walters Wedding Estates, 1851 Turbeville Road, Hickory Creek, Texas, 75065, Attn: Weddings for Warriors. All entries become the property of the Sponsor and will not be acknowledged or returned. Incomplete entries are void. Entries which are completed or entered by other means or otherwise not in compliance with these Contest Official Rules will be disqualified.

### **PRIZES:**

One winning couple for each venue will be selected and the winner will be notified on or before August 31, 2022, pursuant to the rules described herein. Upon being selected, the winner, and the winner's eligibility to participate in this contest, shall be verified and the winner will receive:

- Evening Venue Rental – on a date mutually agreed upon by Sponsor and Winner based on date availability and certain on limitations outlined herein. The venue for each winning couple shall be selected by Walters Wedding Estates in its sole discretion.
- Wedding Ceremony with officiant selected and provided by the Winner.
- Wedding Reception to include (a) basic package buffet catering for up to 200 guests with staff and service attendants; (b) basic bar package (beer & wine only) for up to 200 guests; and non-labor enhancements. (Note: The actual guest count maximum may be less than 200 guests, depending on the Venue size.)

(Vendor participation may be modified in the sole discretion of Sponsor.)

### **SELECTION OF WINNERS:**

All entries will be reviewed by Sponsor to ensure that minimum required information is included with the entry by August 2022. All such qualified entries will then be reviewed by a panel of judges from the Walters Wedding Estates staff. Individual Judges will be selected prior to assessing the entries; however, Judges, their families and co-workers are not eligible to enter or win. Each winning couple shall be notified on or before August 31, 2022. The selection by Sponsor and Judges of the winning couple shall be final and binding. Odds of winning will be determined by the number of eligible entries received. Entries received after 11:59 pm, Central Time, on June 1, 2022, will not be eligible for the contest.

### **JUDGING CRITERIA:**

Along with your completed entry form, please provide a brief narrative, no more than 1000 words, addressing why you and your intended partner should be selected to win this prize. Your response will be judged based on originality, grammar, humor and how your experience relates to military

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service. Issues you may want to address could include:

- Why you or your intended partner joined the military
- Hardships you and your intended partner have endured
- The impact of the military on your relationship
- Limited time available to plan and execute your wedding
- Either one or both of your military service and its impact on immediate family members
- Number of places of deployment and number of places of residence
- Amount of time spent apart from each other
- Volunteer work either or both of you enjoy doing

### **ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNERS:**

Winning couples will be notified by phone and/or email on or before August 31, 2022. If a winning couple cannot be reached after five (5) business days from the first notification attempt, is subsequently unable to provide their DD214, or is found to be ineligible, or declines to accept the prize, the prize will be immediately forfeited without further notice. In the case of a prize forfeiture, Sponsor may select a new winning couple from the pool of remaining entries received according to these Contest Official Rules.

Winners will be required to furnish picture proof of identification which may include a driver's license, passport, voting card or similar government issued identification, as well as a Form DD 214. Each selected winner will be required to sign an affidavit verifying eligibility, release of liability and publicity, including, but not limited to, the use of winner's name, hometown and photograph(s) without additional compensation (where lawful) which must be signed, notarized and returned to Sponsor within fourteen (14) days of receipt, or prize will be forfeited and selected winner will be disqualified.

The winners' names, photos and cities of residence will be shown on the Sponsor's web site and in marketing materials. A list of winners may also be obtained by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Walters Wedding Estates, 1851 Turbeville Road, Hickory Creek, Texas, 75065, Attn: Weddings for Warriors.

**Venue planning will begin September 2022. Dates and times of planning activities will be determined based upon schedule and availability of winning couple and Sponsor. The venue for each winning couple shall be chosen by Walters Wedding Estates in its sole discretion.**

### **PRIVACY NOTICE:**

Any information entrants provide to the Sponsor will be used to communicate with entrant in relation to this contest. Sponsor may also share this information with advertisers to contact entrants at a future date about new products and services Sponsor believes entrants will find of interest. **IF YOU**

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**DO NOT WANT YOUR INFORMATION SHARED, DO NOT ENTER THIS CONTEST.**

By entering and providing the required entry information, Entrants acknowledge that, unless they opt out, the Sponsor may send them information, samples, or special offers that may be of interest to entrant or other complementary goods offered by the Sponsor or other companies the Sponsor may select.

Entrants further agree that they do not have any right of approval, claim to compensation, or benefits claim, including without limitation, claims based upon invasion of privacy, defamation, or right of publicity arising out of any use of names or biographical and/or corporate information.

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## GENERAL RULES

1. No purchase or on-line access fee is required to enter this contest.
2. This contest is void wherever taxed, prohibited or restricted by law.
3. By entering the contest entrants agree to abide by all terms of the Contest Official Rules and the decisions of the Sponsor, made in its sole discretion, which shall be final.
4. The odds of winning this contest will be determined by the number of eligible entries received.
5. All donations are in kind and are not redeemable for cash. The retail value of the prize is approximately \$12,000.00. A list of items and services in the prize package can be found at [www.waltersweddingstates.com/weddingsforwarriors](http://www.waltersweddingstates.com/weddingsforwarriors) The goods and services included in the prize package may be increase at the sole discretion of the Sponsor.
6. The Sponsor is not responsible for misdirected, lost, late, illegible, forged, destroyed, incomplete, mechanically duplicated, mass machine printed, postage due or entries not otherwise in compliance with the Contest Official Rules (and such entries will be disqualified).
7. If for any reason the Internet portion of the contest is not capable of running as planned, including infection by computer virus, bugs, tampering, unauthorized intervention, fraud, technical failures or any other causes beyond the control of the Sponsor which corrupt or affect the administration, security, fairness, integrity or proper conduct of this contest, Sponsor reserves the right at its sole discretion to disqualify any individual who tampers with the entry process, and to cancel, terminate, modify or suspend the contest.
8. Sponsor assumes no responsibility for any error, omission, interruption, deletion, defect, delay in operation or transmission, communications line failure, theft or destruction or unauthorized access to, or alteration of, entries. Sponsor is not responsible for any problems or technical malfunction of any telephone network or lines, computer on-line systems, servers or providers, computer equipment, software, failure of any e-mail or entry to be received by the Sponsor on account of technical problems or traffic congestion on the Internet or at any web site, or any combination thereof, including any injury or damage to participants or any other persons computer related to or resulting from participation or downloading any materials in this

**CAUTION: ANY ATTEMPT BY ANY PERSON TO DELIBERATELY DAMAGE ANY WEB SITE OR UNDERMINE LEGITIMATE OPERATION OF THE CONTEST IS A VIOLATION OF CRIMINAL AND CIVIL LAWS AND SHOULD SUCH AN ATTEMPT BE MADE; SPONSOR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO SEEK DAMAGES FROM ANY SUCH PERSON TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW.**

9. Should the contest be terminated prior to the stated expiration date, notice will be posted

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on the Sponsor's web site. Sponsor is not responsible for technical, hardware or software failures of any kind, lost or unavailable network connections or failed, incomplete, garbled or delayed software transmissions which may limit an entrant's ability to participate in the contest or damage users system as a result of participation in the contest or downloading any information necessary to participate in the contest.

10. If a dispute arises regarding who submitted an online entry, the entry will be deemed submitted by the person in whose name the entry was made.
11. No substitution or transfer of prizes permitted by winners. Taxes, if any, are solely the winners' responsibility. Winners shall provide Sponsor with a completed IRS Form W9, and an IRS Form 1099 shall be issued to the Winner at the end of the tax year. The Winner shall be fully responsible for reporting the prize (if it meets correct thresholds) as taxable income. Sponsor expressly disclaims any responsibility or liability for any further reporting or other responsibility related to winner's tax liability, if any, relating to the delivery and/or subsequent use of any prize awarded.
12. Winners, by acceptance of a prize, agree to release the Sponsor, its parent, subsidiary and affiliated businesses and each of their officers, directors, members, managers, shareholders, employees, advisors, assignees, agents, licensees, representatives and any other person or entity associated with this contest from any and all liability claims or actions of any kind whatsoever for losses, injuries or damage to persons and property which may be sustained in connection with the receipt, enjoyment, ownership or use of the prize. The Sponsor expressly disclaims any responsibility or liability for injury or loss of any kind to any person or property relating to the delivery and/or subsequent use of any prize awarded.
13. Winners agree that they shall remain solely liable for any contractual agreements previously signed with other wedding vendors or venues.
14. Entrants agree to be bound by the Contest Official Rules (including the general rules) and agree that if winners fail to provide proof of identity, are found to have violated the Contest Official Rules, or otherwise do not meet eligibility criteria, prize will be forfeited and awarded to an alternate winner. Entrants understand that Sponsor is not liable for injuries, losses, or damages of any kind arising from participation in this promotion and acceptance, possession, and use of prize.
15. Each entrant agrees that: (i) any and all disputes, claims, and causes of action arising out of or in connection with this contest, or any prizes awarded, shall be resolved individually, without resort to any form of class action, and any judicial proceeding shall take place in a federal or state court within the State of Texas; (ii) any and all claims, judgments, and awards shall be limited to actual out-of-pocket costs incurred, including costs associated with entering this contest, but in no event attorney fees; and (iii) under no circumstances will entrant be permitted to obtain awards for, and entrant hereby waives all rights to claim, punitive, incidental, and consequential damages, and any other

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damages, other than for actual out-of-pocket expenses, and any and all rights to have damages multiplied or otherwise increased.

16. All issues and questions concerning the construction, validity, interpretation and enforceability of these Contest Official Rules, or the rights and obligations of entrant and Sponsor in connection with the contest shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, without giving effect to any choice of law or conflict of law rules or provisions (whether of the State of Texas or any other jurisdiction), that would cause the application of the laws of any jurisdiction other than the State of Texas.
17. Any use of robotic, automatic, programmed or the like entry methods will void all such entries by such methods.
18. Sponsor is not responsible for any typographical or other error in the printing of the offer, administration of the contest, or in the announcement of the prizes. Decisions of Sponsor are final and binding in all respects
19. This promotion is sponsored by Walters Wedding Estates, 1851 Turbeville Road, Hickory Creek, Texas, 75065, and Sponsor reserves the right to cancel the contest at any time.

The undersigned has read and agreed to the terms and conditions stated above, certifies he or she is authorized to be bound to this Agreement and acknowledges receipt of a copy of this Agreement. This Agreement is not binding, and Event date is not secured until this Agreement is executed by Company and Renter.

I accept the terms of this agreement.

Client Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Walters Wedding Estates Signature: \_\_\_\_\_