

2022

Annual Report

LETTER FROM OUR FOUNDER

2022 was a year of growth and establishment for Patrol Base Abbate. Thanks to the amazing generosity of our donors, partners, supporters, and incredible volunteers, we were able to impact more veterans through connection, community, experience, and purpose. We saw continued growth in membership, increased reach of our Return to Base operations, streamlining of our local chapters, and expansion of our available programming with the addition of Warrior Weekends. Each time we gathered veterans for any of these events or for local chapter meetups, our members bonded inside friendly lines and helped each other build the resolve they need to thrive in their lives.

2023 is set to be an exciting year for Patrol Base Abbate. We are expanding our available Return to Base programs to more clubs while continuing to develop our program curriculum based on clinical research and implementation of best practices for our members. We will be increasing the number and reach of our Warrior Weekends, and will continue to expand the scope and scale of our Chapters as our membership grows. We are also working to secure our permanent Patrol Base, our own friendly lines for all who served to rest and refit. Opportunities abound with this new prospect and our impact will be limitless.

The incredible feedback we receive from the veterans we serve, the amazing support we get from our volunteers, and the humbling generosity of our donors allow us to make this mission a reality. We would not be where we are, impacting the number of veterans we are blessed to serve and elevating the veteran narrative in communities across the country without this incredible support network believing in us and our mission. My deepest thanks to all who walk point and fill a sandbag.

Return to Base,
TKS



OUR MISSION

To honor the legacy of Sergeant Matthew Abbate by providing warriors a space to recalibrate inside the wire and community to thrive outside the wire.



OUR IMPACT

Over the past year, Patrol Base Abbate has tremendously expanded both its membership and programming. This growth is a direct measure of the priceless dedication of our supporters, donors, and volunteers. While such growth is something to celebrate, we are constantly looking ahead to uncover and innovate ways to have an even bigger impact on our members.



3,100+ Members

1,129 added in 2022

57% growth of membership over twelve months



6 Return to Base Events (RTBs)

100+ participants (40% growth of attendance from 2021)

5 on-site in Thompson Falls, MT and 1 off-site in The Bahamas



Warrior Weekends

30 participants

1 hosted in Camp Colby, CA and 1 hosted in Elk Glade Ranch, CO



Local Chapter Events

35 chapters

600+ participants attended more than 90 events nationwide



Abbate Hero Workout of the Day (WOD)

250 athletes

15 gyms nationwide



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Return to Base events serve as our primary program. These opportunities allow our members to gather together, free of charge, around a common interest. The events include daily activities in pursuit of mental and physical wellness, communal healing and growth, and collective resilience through service. This year, Patrol Base Abbate executed five programs at our primary Patrol Base in Thompson Falls, MT, thanks to the continued support of the Dery/Torres family. A sixth program for our Dive Club ventured to the healing waters of Eleuthera Bahamas with our special partner, The Island School. In these settings, over 100 members connected around shared interests while re-discovering purpose in service to each other, their families, and their communities.



Warrior Weekends in two regions served 30 members. In Q3 and Q4 of 2022, Patrol Base Abbate executed two Warrior Weekends where veterans gathered in the mountains of California and Colorado for a three-day event. These events executed a condensed Return to Base schedule that included wellness practices, community service, and fireside chats. Based on the success and feedback of these events, Patrol Base Abbate will expand these opportunities to members moving forward.

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Local Chapters ensure a local touch point for community, service, and team building. In 2022, Patrol Base Abbate followed the movement of our membership, consolidating chapters where the opportunity was beneficial and growing new chapters based on the needs and locations of our members. As our programming expands, our local chapters will continue to serve as a place to sustain the impact of our Return to Base and Warrior Weekend experiences. Here, we will expand our community by gathering once a month in fellowship, engage in quarterly service projects, and build resilience through the rediscovery of our individual and collective purpose.

Online Forums provide a space where our members engage on a myriad of topics and interests. Our members also actively engage via social media, online platforms, and applications specific to their club or interest.



PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT: BOOK CLUB

2022 Events

Monthly Zoom Meetings

Members tuned in once a month to discuss the book of the month – often with a guest author, including:

Phil Klay	Tobias Wolff
Elliot Ackerman	Dr. Lillian Huang Cummins
Karen Skolfield	Keith Dow
David Rose	William “Buck” Bolyard
Tom Schueman	Kacy Tellessen
Amy Sexauer	Greg Melville
Ryan Hendrickson/The HunterSeven Foundation	

Second Annual RTB Event (Thompson Falls, Montana) June 23-27

Twelve members had the opportunity to reconnect with nature and each other at our Patrol Base with New York Times Best-Selling author Karl Marlantes (author *Matterhorn*, *What It Is Like to Go to War*, and *Deep River*)

Inaugural Year-Long Read Along: *Moby Dick* by Herman Melville

Eight members met monthly to discuss *Moby Dick* with the goal of reading the entire text in 12 months. The literary endeavor culminated in a group trip to Nantucket (November 18-20) to explore historical sites and meet with Herman Melville expert Nathaniel Philbrick.



TESTIMONIALS

"The Book Club combined my love of books with my desire for good company through the organization. As a result, for the first time in years, I don't feel like an outcast. I can't tell you how great it is to belong again."

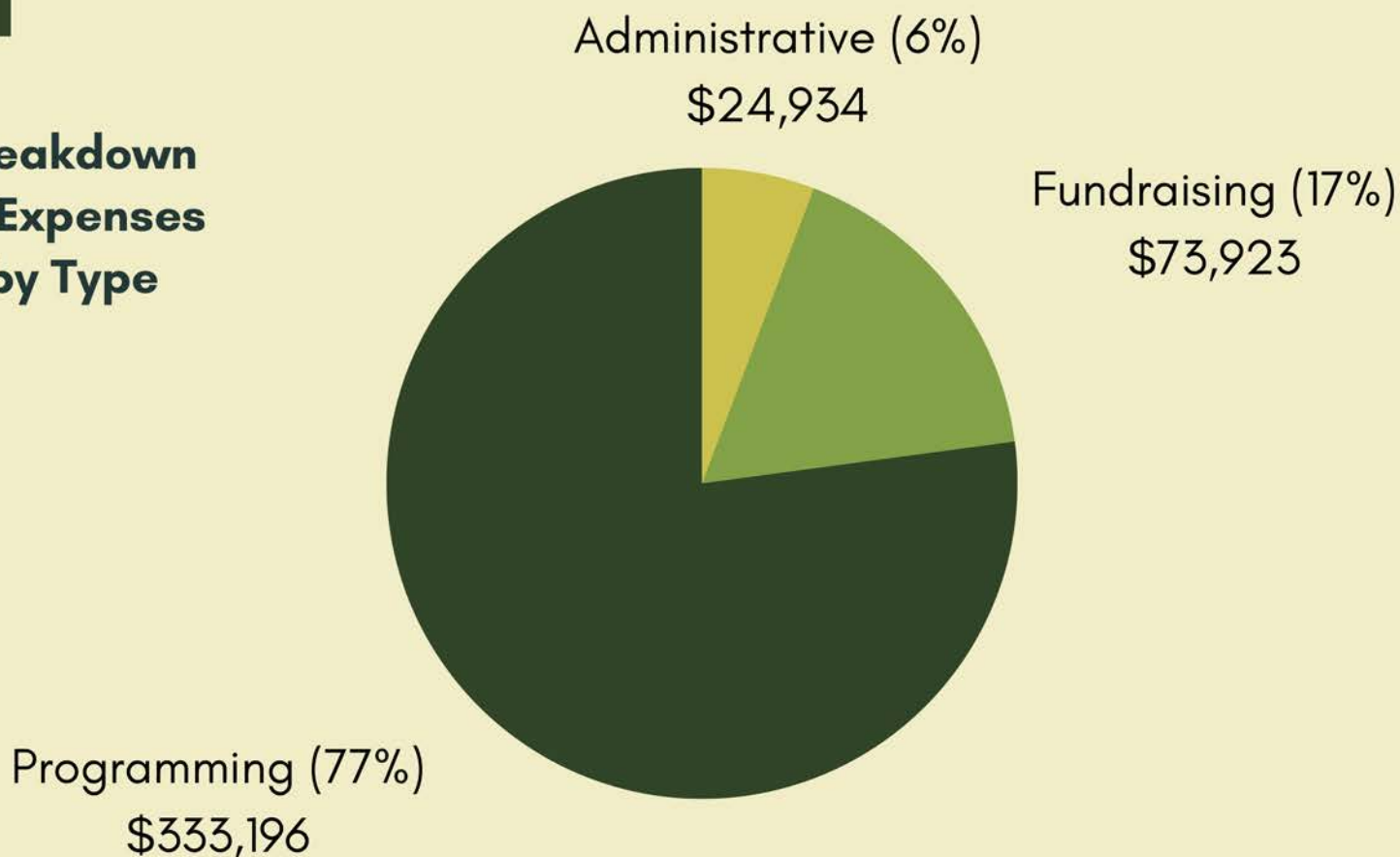
"Patrol Base Abbate has provided me the infrastructure to serve. It has given me a new mission and the freedom to create my own. It does this for every single veteran that comes through the Return to Base program. Since quitting my first real job after the Marine Corps, my life has changed in ways I never could've imagined - traveling to go talk about books in the mountains with a bunch of vets I'd never met. I've made deep friendships, I've become part of a collective, I've built a platform to use my voice to serve the community, and I've published a book - and this is all just the first year. I'll make a yearly pilgrimage up to Thompson Falls to continue serving veterans as long as they let me."



"Montana was more than a four-day trip. It was an exploration of self and a time to hear from others who have served. From Vietnam to the Global War on Terror, everyone had stories to tell and lessons to share. This is a tribe. Everyone has a voice. We continue to serve by listening, observing, learning, and sharing. We generate ideas and continuously improve not only ourselves but our communities. I am immensely grateful for the opportunity. I left as an improved version of myself and we left the Patrol Base better than we found it."

2022 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Breakdown of Expenses by Type



2022 Net Income Calculated and Displayed

Revenue	1,296,640
Expenses	435,052
Net Income	861,588

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Patrol Base Abbate is eternally grateful for the generosity of our amazing volunteer staff, past and present. Life happens and volunteers sometimes have to take a knee, but they will always be welcome in this Patrol Base.

DONOR SPOTLIGHT

Patrol Base Abbate is grateful for all the generous support from those who believed enough in our mission to help us complete a very successful 2022. We are consistently humbled by all the generosity and support in time, talent, and treasure. Thank you for helping us continue to build a space where every veteran can return to base.

We at Patrol Base Abbate would like to extend a special thank you to the Dery/Torres family for their continued support and use of their historic private property.

Jan and Jerry Dery (Air Force) are the owners of the property that Patrol Base Abbate calls home. The property has been in Jan's family since 1884 and has been passed down from generation to generation. The land is now being looked after by her grandson John Torres. Thanks to their generosity, over 150 veterans have had the opportunity to build community in the healing isolation of the beautiful Montana Rockies. They have made their land our home and we could not provide our premier programming without their generosity and continued support.

John Torres served with our namesake, Matt Abbate, while in Afghanistan and, upon returning home, continues his service as an active and critical member of our leadership team. John and his family open their land for the exclusive use of Patrol Base Abbate and he provides critical support to the planning and execution of every Return to Base program.



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