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NOVEMBER



Leah Howington

DECEMBER



Richelle Conway

2019

Team spirit award of the year.



Brad Steib

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Please return by April 30, 2020 to be eligible for this drawing. Winners will be announced in the next quarterly publication of Stars and Stripes.



March 2020

On Deck with Jim Henderson

To everything, there is a season.

For most of my adult life, half the year was devoted to football season. The other half, to fishing season. February is the transition month between them.

I love to make somewhat exotic fishing trips with family and friends. I have had some fabulous times: tarpon in Costa Rica, salmon in Alaska, sailfish in Guatemala and Cabo San Lucas, muskie in Canada, northern pike in Saskatchewan, and perhaps my favorite -- largemouth bass in Mexico.

For the third straight year at Lake Comedero with my son and seventh straight overall, I'll be fishing in Mexico this month. Last year I organized a party of eight, this year a party of six to fly to Mazatlan and then take a five-hour van ride to Lake Comedero. The reward is fishing boot camp.



On the lake at sunrise just after 6 am. Fish to 11:30 am. Then lunch and a brief siesta before back on the lake at 2 pm till dark. Back to the camp for cocktails and an excellent dinner. In bed about 8:30 pm and then rinse and repeat for the next three days. Four days of spectacular catch and release bass fishing in some unique settings.

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Two years ago my son Derek and I caught 440. 100 fish a day per boat is common place. No fish below 6 lbs. gets a second look. 10 pounders do. They are rare but not unprecedented over the course of a week.

Most of these trophy lakes are the result of damming up valleys to provide irrigation. Fishing in one valley where natives had been compensated for their land and displaced provided a chance to fish amongst the tombs and statuary of a flooded graveyard.



Most of the scenery is far less ghoulish and much more picturesque.

While you can buy lures at the lodge, half the fun for Derek and me is our annual assault on Bass Pro Shops which I should have on speed dial given my propensity to part with much of my disposable income there. I'm not sure about the fish, but most everything looks too enticing to us to resist.



A man can never have too many friends or too much tackle and I feel thankful to still enjoy copious quantities of both.

In a subsequent "Stars and Stripes" I'll briefly give you a fishing report chronicling how we did. But if you'd like to see more about the adventure, call up Lake Comedero Lodge on Facebook or email the owners at deblueb@earthlink.net. This is a wholly unsolicited and uncompensated endorsement.

For all of us addicted to fishing, the tug is the drug.

God Bless,

Jim Henderson

**In observance of the upcoming holidays,
all offices will be closed on:**

Good Friday
Friday, April 10th
(Closing at Noon)

Memorial Day
Monday, May 25th

Independence Day
Saturday, July 4th

All offices will be open normal business hours on Friday, July 3rd



Left to right: Brandy, Cindy, Lyddy, Vanessa, Pam, Brad, Richelle, Trey, Leah, Leanne
Top: Vanessa, Marissa

On January 23rd, we celebrated with the Team Spirit award recipients of 2019. Each month an employee who provides excellent customer service and promotes teamwork is recognized.

Nominations are accepted from management, co-workers and also from our customers. If you would like to nominate an employee for providing excellent customer service, please do so by emailing krichardson@fabt.com or by mail to:

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