

Leatherneck Warriors and Sparta 70

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We are working with the deaf community and the wide range of Para athletes. We have a unique training procedure for super seniors. Our teams, The Leatherneck Warriors, Sparta 70 and the Sparta 70 Para athletes are empathic and inclusive while training side by side in the pursuit of Dragon Boat Excellence.

We were informed by the USDBF at the Sarasota USA Championships that Canada is on board with a Senior " D " Division. The USDBF is in full support of the Para Dragon Boat Team. The Para Teams in Canada and England have moved along faster than the USA.

Angela Long is the coach of the SANCA at Nathan Benderson Park in Sarasota. She is forming a Veterans Dragon Boat Team and has talked to PanAm about having a Veteran's Cup race, the cup would be passed around.

Our teams have several out reach programs.

- Any Marine (sending packages to active duty troops)
- Mission 22 (in support of PTSD troops)
- Toys for Tots (Supporting the local children)
- Support the FDNY 343 Club of The Villages in their efforts to honor those killed on 9-11