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HAI HOSTS A NYC WEEKEND FOR WOUNDED SOLDIERS

In August, HAI arranged a festive, luxurious long weekend in NYC to honor its guests, dozens of soldiers and their families from the Walter Reed Army Medical Center's Brain Trauma and Amputee Units. Wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan, these soldiers enjoyed the best of what NYC can offer. Our guests traveled from site to site with ease afforded by HAI's two Omni*Buses, special retrofitted buses that accommodate multiple disabilities as well the non-disabled. HAI is grateful for the generosity of many New York organizations:* our guests had elegant rooms and breakfasts at the Waldorf-Astoria and the Hilton, orchestra seats from The Shubert Organization at Broadway's top five musicals, excellent food at famous restaurants, an exclusive World Yacht luncheon cruise to see and pay tribute to the Statue of Liberty, views from the Top of the Rock, special tours of two world-class museums, and, most important, a whole lot of warmth and laughter.

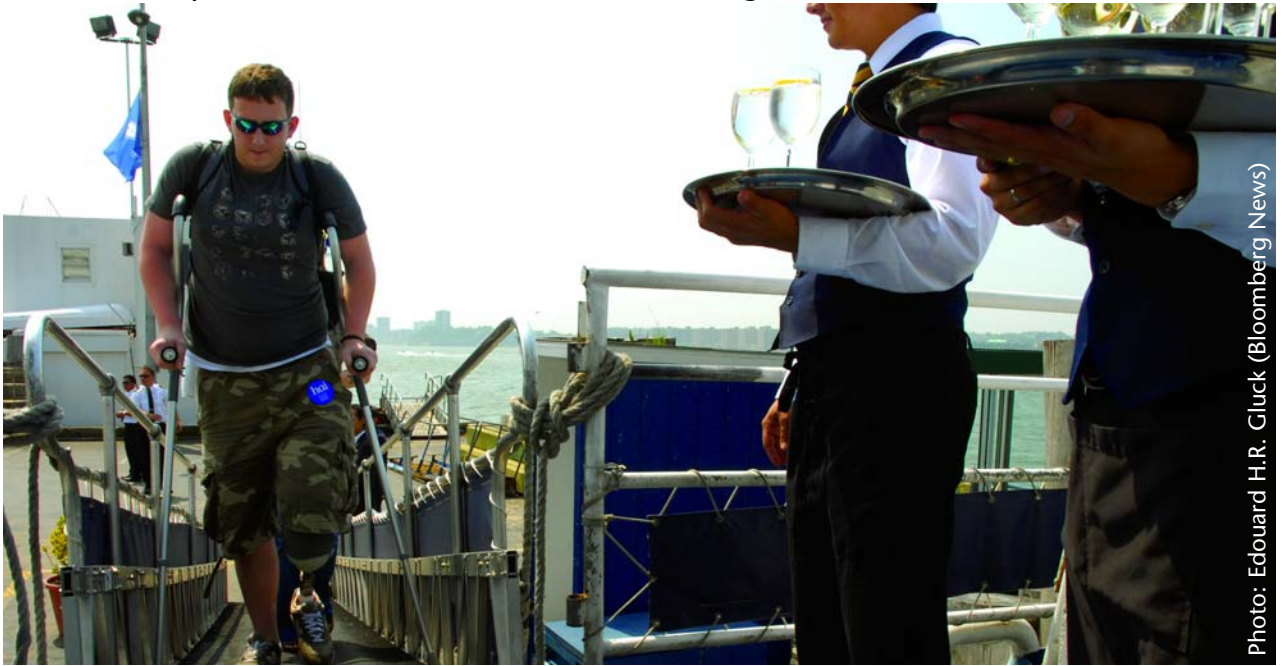


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"It was the first time I ever went to the theatre [*The Color Purple*]. At the end, the whole theatre was sniffing even me, and I'm not a sniffer. It was so great." - SPC Natasha McKinnon.



"I'd never had a chance like this to really see art. I'd never come to museums here before ... It opened my eyes!" - SPC Saul Bosquez.



"It was a fabulous weekend. You opened the City for us. We all now consider ourselves New Yorkers! Thank you."
- Bob Bahr, Physical Therapist.



"It was the most magnificent trip I have ever been on."
- SGT Shane Heath.

* HAI THANKS the Hilton Hotels Corp., Museum of Modern Art, Museum of the City of New York, The World Yacht, Top of the Rock Observation Deck, The Shubert Organization, ASCAP Foundation, Balthazar Bakery, Barney Greengrass, B.R. Guests Restaurants (Ruby Foo's), Patina Restaurant Group (Rock Center Cafe), Sebastian's Catering and the New York Police Department's Lt. Mary Ellen Ferris and Sgt. Lisa Gong.