CORA MINI-NEWSLETTER

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CORA AND OPEN ARMS MINISTRY RECEIVE GRANT FROM CUMBERLAND FOREST COMMUNITY FUND

A grant for $18,550.00 was recently awarded to CORA and Open Arms Ministry. The funds come via the Cumberland Forest Community Fund and The Nature Conservancy which has chosen to invest deeply back into local communities.

This grant will be used for the purchase of a refrigerated trailer. CORA distributes hundreds of pounds of donated venison through the Hunters For The Hungry program. Thousands of meals are provided to those in need of healthy nutrition.

CORA sends its thanks to the Cumberland Forest Community Fund as this new trailer is vital for continuance of the ministry.



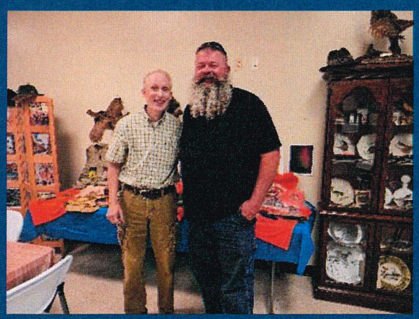
Above: CORA Chairman Bill Stanley, center, receives grant check at Rutledge, TN on August 27th, 2026.

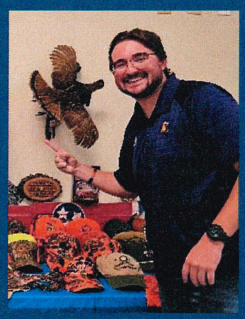
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On Tuesday. August 4th, 2026, CORA held its first ever meeting in Jellico, TN. For the last 38 years, the standard meeting venue has been at the Courthouse in Jacksboro. This historic first gave people from the northern end of the county ready access to see what CORA is all about. Attendance was strong, especially among TWRA personnel. Tim Radtke, a researcher from Tennessee Tech, gave a presentation on his study of ruffed grouse on the North Cumberland WMA, particularly the Tackett Creek (Ed Carter) Unit. Acoustic monitors were used to determine areas from which ruffed grouse males performed drumming rituals. This information will be utilized to determine the best areas for future grouse restoration efforts. CORA secretary Mark J. Tidwell, long time ruffed grouse advocate, had a speical display of ruffed grouse art and hunting paraphernalia on display. Snacks and refeshments were available at the meeting's conclusion. Thanks to Jellico Library for making their Conference Room available for the event.



Susan Brown, Sheyanne Taylor, Yvonne Tidwell, James and Pam Wright at CORA meeting in Jellico.





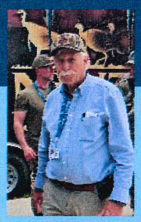
Left: CORA members Mark J. Tidwell and Jason Vanover. Right: Ruffed grouse researcher Tim Radtke.

To access CORA on Facebook, scan the QR Code below. There you will find posts, meeting minutes, and other information concerning the organization.

To access the CORA website, scan the QR Code below. There you will find contact information, listing of board members, past newsletters, meeting minutes, events, and history of the organization.



On April 25th, 2026, the annual "Wounded Warrior" turkey hunt took place. The weather was superb and several hunters tagged spring gobblers!





CORA president Terry Lewis, left, Honor Guard, right, at Wounded Warrior Hunt.