



Mission Debrief



OPERATION WAKE SURF

MONTHLY UPDATE

Over the past several weeks, OWS has traveled more than 4000 miles! Starting out of **Charlotte, NC** the team drove through many places to include **Oxford, AL** and **Talladega, AL**. The Team was graciously hosted by the **Scribner Family** in **Sanger, TX** before continuing to **Lake Pleasant, AZ**. Out on the water, OWS teamed up with the **Peoria Fire Dept.** Multiple Heroes were pulled during this one-day event to include former Marines, and a retired Air Force member that now works as a City Council member for the city of Peoria.

Developing new relationships is always a priority with OWS. **Ken Scribner**, a driver for OWS is no stranger to conversing with people. "We met a nice couple during breakfast at the hotel in **Van Horn, TX**. "They recognized our trailers out on the road and it turned out we had passed them the day prior. They were impressed with our rigs and our courtesy while driving. I was able to tell our story and they were very thankful and impressed with OWS' mission".

MEET THE CREW

THIS IS WADE, AN ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER!

Army Veteran, Wade Morrison lives and works as a Telecommunication Project Manager in Charlotte, NC. Wade volunteers for OWS as a member of the Advisory Board. He has also worked as a shuttle driver at our retreat. In his free time, Wade likes to hunt, fish and be outdoors with his 9 year old son. Wade also continues to get out on the water and refine his newly found skill of wake surfing.





SALUTE 2 SERVICE

PEORIA - AZ - LAKE PLEASANT

Peoria City Councilman Brad Schafer is a big supporter of veterans and put us in touch with **Trilogy Veterans Club**. They provided breakfast and volunteers at our one day event that took place at **Pleasant Harbor Marina**. This group was so moved by OWS and our mission that they took our story to their members and voted to help fund the cost of future wake surfing events. They surprised us with a generous donation.

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UP NEXT

EVENTS

May 23rd: S2S Tour de Surf - SC
June 4-8: S2S LKN Retreat - NC
June 21: S2S Johnson City - TN
June 27: S2S Nashville - TN

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ONLINE STORE

MERCHANDISE

Check out one of the new designs. The SHAKA Shirt. This shirt embodies OWS with the USA Flag pattern SHAKA on the back and the new wave logo on the front. It is available in adult sizes only.

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HERO SPOTLIGHT

DARIUS - CALDWELL - AIR FORCE

Operation Wake Surf would like to introduce Darius Caldwell. Caldwell is an Audio-Visual Production Specialist at Robins Air Force Base. Caldwell served in the United States Air Force for 4 years before working in his current role as a full-time civilian. Caldwell is married, has 2 daughters, and lives in Macon, GA.

As an Audio-Visual Production Specialist, Caldwell says he films and creates stories that line up with his Commanders objectives. "I tell stories of the airmen in the Air Force Reserve and provide a bridge between military and civilian relations" Caldwell says. Caldwell travels on many Temporary Duty Assignments (TDY's) where he films and captures the stories service members get to share.

"I found OWS through my job. I was instructed to do a story on one of the Heroes invited to the Lake Norman Retreat". When OWS found out, Caldwell was invited to also participate as a Hero. "I filmed the Lake Norman event in 2022 and it was a ton of fun" says Caldwell. My favorite memory would probably be all of us racing we did at **Victory Lane Indoor Karting**".

Outside of work, Caldwell likes to continue filming and hang out with his family.



IT TAKES A VILLAGE

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