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Mission Debrief



OPERATION WAKE SURF

MONTHLY UPDATE

Spring preparation is in full swing here at Operation Wake Surf. All inventory is being accounted for, cleaned, and prepped for another great summer experience. Most recently, a third wet suit was purchased to allow surfing to happen in cooler waters. This assent now allows groups of 5 members to be pulled during the winter months. This experience could not have been possible without the support of our donors.

As we move into the summer months ahead, OWS has taken a posture of revisiting our roots. With high anticipation of growth this year, we want to take time to remember the relationships that have organically developed over these many years. This spring, OWS will be returning to Lake Pleasant AZ. The last time we visited this area we were welcomed with open arms by Scott Duke and his army of volunteers with the Lake Pleasant VFW. Scott is just another example of a cherished relationship developed as a result of a singular focus.... To serve those who serve us.

MEET THE SUPPORTERS

THIS IS PCM MARINE ENGINES

PCM Marine Engines has been a valued partner with OWS for many years. PCM is the leading manufacturer of premium watersport engines. "PCM is a company that thrives on giving back to our community" says President **Trey Thurman**. "It is great to see a group that brings smiles to veterans and first responders. Our OWS partnership is special to us, and we are grateful to be apart of something amazing". pcmengines.com





SALUTE 2 SERVICE

LAKE PLEASANT ARIZONA

This will be OWS's second visit to Lake Pleasant for a S2S Event! On April 3rd we will be pulling 10 hero's.

[SEE EVENT PICTURES](#)



UP NEXT

EVENTS

OWS will be going to California on April 26th to pull 12 hero's to include two adaptive Hero's on Lake Camp Far West

[FIND OUT MORE](#)

Coming SOON!

MERCHANDISE

We are working with our suppliers to stock up on merchandise. We do not have anything online at the moment. If you see us in person check out our on hand inventory.

[SHOP NOW](#)

HERO SPOTLIGHT

KARLA (KJ) - KOZERSKI - US NAVY

In 2023, KJ attended a four-day event. As a prior MSSN in the US Navy, and a teacher in North Carolina, KJ was an ideal person to have attended an event. "I got involved with OWS through Rachel Fox", says KJ. "We worked at the same school, and Rachel was talking about OWS. I asked if I could volunteer. Once she found out I was a veteran, she signed me up to attend as a Hero".

"During my time in the Navy, I was on the Color Guard and participated in a Women At Sea program" says KJ. "At the time, females weren't permitted on Guided Missile Cruisers. I was among 14 other females that spent a week at sea on these vessels. Females now serve on Guided Missile Cruisers!" KJ later became a teacher for Children with special needs. KJ lived in Concord, NC with her two children and two grandchildren. In her spare time, KJ likes to swim, garden, go walking, watch football, and do anything involving her grandsons!

"I had no idea what I was getting into when Rachel signed me up" says KJ. "The 2 days spent on the water were hard. I was 50 years old with arthritis and didn't know if I could do it. I didn't realize how fearful I was until I was behind that boat. Afraid of everything. That was the beauty of it all. Failure was not an option, and everyone involved was so supportive of each other. OWS gave me my confidence back!!! I never felt freer as I did when I finally got up and surfed. I left that lake feeling like the world was mine to conquer! Robbie and his team are simply amazing!"



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