



Mission Debrief



OPERATION WAKE SURF

MONTHLY UPDATE

August has been an outstanding month for Operation Wake Surf. Thanks to **Rick Trottier, Silver Sand Marina, Planet Honda NH, Kenyon Lawn and Property Maintenance** and **Xinsurance** OWS was able to host 30 Heroes on **Lake Winnepesaukee** for a two day Salute2Service event.

Operation Wake Surf travelled 3000 miles this month, all of which were driven on the East coast. After the event in New Hampshire, we traveled back to Raleigh, NC to partner with **Brandon Patrick** and his team at NC Marine Sales. At this event on **Hyco Lake**, we were able to pull 13 additional heroes!

August was a blessed month for us and we are so honored to have served so many heroes and their families! If you want to get involved, be sure to check out our website and the giving link below!



MEET THE SUPPORTERS

THIS IS CENTURION BOATS

Centurion boats have been a proud partner of OWS since 2017! They have provided high-quality Centurion boats to the OWS team to facilitate memorable experiences on the water for military personnel and first responders. This initiative allows these brave individuals to enjoy a day of relaxation and fun, engaging in the exhilarating sport of wake surfing. By offering this unique opportunity, they have helped foster a sense of camaraderie and respite, showing deep appreciation for the dedication and sacrifices made by those who serve our country and communities. OWS will forever be grateful for **Centurion!**





SALUTE 2 SERVICE

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Providing an unforgettable experience on the water to the heroes of our nation and local communities is what OWS is all about. When we tell these men and women "Thank You For Your Service", we truly and whole heartedly mean it. Without these men and women none of us would be able to live the lives that we do. Thank one of them today and let them know that what they have done does not go unnoticed.

[SEE EVENT PICTURES](#)

**MORE
DETAILS**

Coming Soon!

UP NEXT

EVENTS

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MERCHANDISE

This month we are featuring some gear from our partner Centurion Boats. They offer many types of merchandise and apparel for all ages. Check out their products at

<https://centurionboatsgear.com/>

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HERO SPOTLIGHT

MIKE O'GRADY AND DEREK CARLSON - POLICE

Derek and Mike first crossed paths at the San Jose Police Academy in 2013. Afterward, Derek moved on to the Davis Police Department, but their bond continued. Recently, Derek retired from Police Department and is now working on fulfilling his dream of opening a Brew Pub in Loomis, California. In his free time, he volunteers at **Knot On Call**.

In July of 2023 Derek, Mike and their wives were flying to France for vacation. While they were on their trip, they started talking about what it would look like to make a difference in the lives of other First Responders. As conversations developed, they focused on their combined love for boating and wake surfing, so they thought, "why not combine the two"?

"Once we got back home, we dove headfirst into the process of getting our nonprofit status and dove into a ton of research," said Mike. "While scrolling through social media, we stumbled upon Operation Wake Surf and were blown away by the amazing work they were doing, which was similar to our own aspirations. This led us to reach out to Robby to see if he could share some wisdom to guide us on our journey".

Derek first met his wife while boating on the California Delta, and they've been happily married for 18 years now. They have two lovely boys, Gavin (14) and Konrad (12), and they live in Northern California at the base of the Sierra Mountains. Mike met Denise back in middle school, and started dating in high school.. After over 20 years together and 13 years of marriage, they have a daughter, Taylor (10), and a son, Connor (9). They reside in the South Bay area in Morgan Hill, California.

"We can't stop talking about their mission and continue to spread the word about OWS" says Mike. "From including OWS in our social media posts, to making sure OWS gets recognition at all of our events, we would not be where we are today without OWS".

Find out more about their story at

KnotOnCall.org and IG **[@knot.on.call_org](https://www.instagram.com/knot.on.call_org)**



IT TAKES A VILLAGE

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Whether you donate time, talent, or financial support, it allows us to host free and unique events to honor the heroes of this great country.

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