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Mission Debrief



OPERATION WAKE SURF

MONTHLY UPDATE

July was a month of resilience and connection for Operation Wake Surf. We hit the road hard—clocking over 3,200 miles—to host events across Nashville, Johnson City, and Tulsa. A rescheduled concert with the Troy Foundation kept spirits high in Nashville, while Johnson City and Tulsa saw 26 heroes pulled, including firefighters, police officers, and members of the Air Force. Each ride honored their service and gave space to breathe, heal, and connect with others who walk similar paths.

These moments remind us why we do what we do. None of it would be possible without the gear and grit that keep us going. A big shoutout to Boatmate for keeping our boat trailer road-ready—even installing new hubcap covers on-site in the middle of an event. And we're thrilled to welcome a new Centurion boat to the OWS family, expanding our ability to serve more heroes with every wave. As summer rolls on, so does our mission—to provide hope, healing, and one unforgettable ride at a time.



MEET THE SUPPORTERS

THIS IS PHASE 5

Phase 5's Vice President of Operations reflects on a decade-long friendship with OWS founder Robby, which naturally evolved into a meaningful partnership. Inspired by the joy and healing that wakesurfing brings to first responders and military personnel, Phase 5 proudly supports Operation Wake Surf by providing top-tier boards to help these heroes drop the rope and ride with purpose. With deep roots in a family-run business and a hands-on upbringing in the shop, he's driven by connection, innovation, and a shared mission to make every wave count.





SALUTE 2 SERVICE

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Nominating heroes is a big part of how we find local heroes to bring to our events. If you happen to know of a hero that you would like to nominate and could benefit from an OWS event, please go on our website and nominate them. Doing this is the ultimate Salute to their Service because it shows them that someone really cares about the sacrifices they have made and still make. One nomination can have a ripple effect that could change lives.

[SEE EVENT PICTURES](#)



UP NEXT

EVENTS

In the next few weeks, we have a few events coming up in multiple states around this beautiful country of ours. We have events in our home state of North Carolina as well as New Hampshire. These Salute to Service events are annual events we hold each year at these locations, and we cannot wait to head back there to foster our fantastic relationships with the local partners and meet the new heroes we will teach to wake surf behind our beautiful Centurion Boats.

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HERO SPOTLIGHT

MASON CONLIN - FIRE FIGHTER/AIR FORCE

Mason is a resolute firefighter and EMT for the city of Saint Paul, as well as a proud member of the 148th Air National Guard in Duluth, MN. Mason found his way to Operation Wake Surf (OWS) through a close friend, coworker, and academy mate. With a deep commitment to service both for his City and his State, Mason balances his professional life with personal passions that include traveling with his girlfriend, riding his motorcycle, spending time with friends, and making the most of every opportunity to be out on the water.

Mason's introduction to OWS came through the Three-Day Event on Lake Norman last year. "I was inspired by the organization's mission and the selfless individuals who lead it" Mason says. "That experience left a lasting impact on me and I have since become an enthusiastic supporter of the program." This month, Mason had another opportunity to attend an OWS event on Lake Alexandria, MN, where he was able to bring his girlfriend Katie, who is also a service member, and some fellow fire department coworkers. Mason continues to speak highly of Robbie and the entire OWS team for the incredible work they do in supporting and uplifting others.



IT TAKES A VILLAGE

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