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# Mission Debrief



## OPERATION WAKE SURF

### MONTHLY UPDATE

Operation Wake Surf continues its extraordinary journey. This month, the team departed to Lake Pleasant, Lake Havasu, and the California Delta River. This March, the organization has already logged an impressive 5,800 miles on the road, providing unforgettable experiences to heroes, first responders, and military personnel. With 20 participants in Arizona and another 10 in California, the upcoming stops promise camaraderie, healing, and adventure for those who dedicate their lives to protecting others.

Thanks to support from partners like [Mello Marine](#) in California, [Knot on Call](#), and [LIG](#), the mission continues to thrive. The OWS team truck has received a fresh new wrap by [Tri Maxx Graphics](#) of Mooresville, NC—a company renowned for wrapping multiple OWS trucks, boats, and event trailers over the years. Operation Wake Surf is prepared to deliver more impactful experiences for deserving heroes across the nation.



## MEET THE SUPPORTERS

### THIS IS BOATMATE

In late 2020, Boatmate was introduced to Robby through Centurion at the World's Wake Surfing event. While already familiar with the impactful work of Operation Wake Surf, Boatmate was deeply moved by the passion and support to those who protect others.

Boatmate recognized a unique opportunity to make a difference and advocated to contributing both financially and through active involvement. Today, Boatmate proudly provides and maintains a trailer that ensures OWS has the means to serve heroes across the country.

Looking ahead to 2025, Boatmate hopes to see OWS successfully execute its ambitious schedule of stops, covering over 25,000 miles and reaching hundreds of heroes.





## SALUTE 2 SERVICE

### HOW YOU CAN HELP

Operation Wake Surf has an exciting lineup of events planned for April. The month kicks off at Lake Pleasant, Arizona, where participants will connect through wake surfing and camaraderie in a beautiful waterside setting. The journey continues to the Centurion Factory, showcasing the innovative craftsmanship behind the boats that power these events, and concludes at Folsom Lake, California.

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## UP NEXT

### EVENTS

- May 9-10 Conrow TX
- May 20th Troy Gentry Foundation - Nashville

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## MERCHANDISE

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# HERO SPOTLIGHT

## CULLEN THOMAS - AIR FORCE

Cullen was a guest at last year's 3-Day Hero event on Lake Norman. He works as an Air Force Security Forces member and specializes as a Military Working Dog Handler. Cullen has been deployed 5 times to; Afghanistan, Niger, Kenya and Jordan. During Cullen's career he has been stationed at The United States AF Academy in Colorado Springs, CO, Moody AFB in Valdosta, Georgia, and currently stationed at Tyndall AFB in Panama City, FL where he works as the Kennel Master in charge of the K9 program.

"OWS was introduced to me from one of my best Active-Duty friends" says Cullen. "We talk often, and he told me how he was invited to go wake surf with an organization through a base agency". When Cullen's friend mentioned there was an extra seat at the three-day event, he jumped on the opportunity.

Cullen grew up addicted to outdoor sports; riding bikes, snowboarding, skateboarding and fishing. He also loves golfing and is a member of the VGA (Veterans Golf Association). During his free time, Cullen stays connected to his active-duty friends through video games.

"It truly was one of the most amazing experiences of my life to be a part of the flagship event that took place in North Carolina back in June of 2024" says Cullen. "The fact that a handful of First Responders, military members and veterans could come together and indulge in companionship, banter and put our egos aside to be there for one another was incredible. I will forever be thankful that I had the pleasure to meet and spend time with those other Heroes. In the future, I would love to be a volunteer for any OWS events".



## IT TAKES A VILLAGE

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