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# Mission Debrief



## OPERATION WAKE SURF

### MONTHLY UPDATE

May was a month defined by momentum, heart, and 6,800 miles of purpose-driven travel for Operation Wake Surf. Our team crisscrossed the Southwest and West Coast, bringing the healing power of water and community to heroes across four incredible stops—Lake Pleasant and Lake Havasu in Arizona, the California Delta, and Lake Folsom in Northern California. Each location offered its own beauty and its own stories, but the mission remained constant: to create moments of joy, connection, and renewal for those who have served.

Across these waters, 43 heroes stood up, rode waves, and rediscovered something powerful within themselves. Whether it was a first-time surfer finding balance or a returning hero carving with confidence, every pull behind the boat carried meaning. May reminded us that the miles are worth it, the effort is worth it, and the impact is real.

## MEET THE SUPPORTERS

### THIS IS KRIS LESEBERG WITH AWNING DETAILERS INC.

Partnering with Operation Wake Surf has been one of the most meaningful experiences I've ever been part of. Robby and the team consistently show up for our heroes in a way that truly makes a difference. Being on the boat with these incredible men and women has allowed me to witness firsthand how laughter, connection, and simple conversations can open the door to real healing. It's an honor to spend time with those who serve our country, and I always leave feeling grateful for their sacrifices and inspired by their strength. Supporting Operation Wake Surf has been a blessing and nourishment for the soul.



# HERO SPOTLIGHT

## TROY CASKEY - FIRE FIGHTER - AIR FORCE

Troy Caskey, a Captain/Paramedic and Crew Chief in the air unit with the Phoenix Fire Department, brings nearly 33 years of dedicated service to his community. Currently serving as the "A" Shift Captain at Fire Station 72, he is also an active member of the FEMA Arizona Task Force. Beyond his professional accomplishments, Troy is a devoted family man, sharing life with his wife, six children—five sons and one daughter—and five grandchildren. His family's commitment to service runs deep, with one son currently serving in the 75th Army Ranger Regiment, Second Battalion, assigned to the 173rd Airborne Division in Italy.

Outside of his career, Troy has a deep passion for the outdoors, from sports to wakeboarding. He and his wife have completed multiple rim-to-rim hikes of the Grand Canyon and are actively involved in mentoring youth through their church community. His love for adventure and connection with others made him a natural fit for his first experience with Operation Wake Surf.

Introduced to the organization by his friend Brad Shafer, an Air Force veteran, Troy attended his first Operation Wake Surf event at Lake Pleasant, Arizona. Not knowing exactly what to expect, he quickly found himself immersed in an inspiring and tight-knit community. From sharing stories and exchanging challenge coins to receiving world-class wake surf instruction, the experience left a lasting impression. Troy described the day as both humbling and unforgettable, and he looks forward to staying involved with Operation Wake Surf and contributing to its mission in any way he can.



## IT TAKES A VILLAGE

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