

# MAKE A DIFFERENCE Outdoors

MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR VETERANS, YOUTH AND SPECIAL NEEDS

“A NATION THAT DOES NOT HONOR ITS HEROES WILL NOT LONG ENDURE.” ABRAHAM LINCOLN

As we enter this holiday season, 2021, we face tremendous challenges as Americans that most of us never anticipated. However, at the same time we have so much to be grateful for. We still hold fast to the freedoms guaranteed by the Bill of Rights in our Constitution—as we are so proud of those who stand firm and daily defend our rights.

So, with deep gratitude we honor those who have served and continue to serve—both in and out of uniform—so that our “government of the people, by the people and for the people shall not perish from the earth.”



## ARMY VETERAN HARVESTS NM BULL

Ken Davidson, retired Army Sergeant Major, enjoyed a successful hunt which yielded this beautiful New Mexico bull elk thanks to a fully donated hunt provided by Cody Hazen and Freedom Outfitters. Sergeant Major Davidson served 38 years in the U.S. Army.

## OUR MISSION

MAKE A DIFFERENCE OUTDOORS PROVIDES REWARDING OUTDOOR EXPERIENCES TO VETERANS AND DISABLED VETERANS IN ORDER TO HONOR THEIR SERVICE TO THE NATION AND STRENGTHEN THE BONDS OF COMRADERY AND TRUST. WE ALSO EXIST TO SERVE UNDERPRIVILEGED AND DISABLED CHILDREN IN ORDER TO HELP THEM GROW IN STRENGTH OF BODY, MIND AND CHARACTER THROUGH INCLUSIVE OUTDOOR SKILL DEVELOPMENT.



# MAD NEWS

Autumn 2021



## FALL METRICS:

VETERANS SERVED	18
EVENTS	12
VOLUNTEERS	7
VOLUNTEER HOURS	105

Imagine how much more we could do with your support!!

## COMING EVENTS:

*12-13 FEB 2022: Warriors & Waterfowl / Ron Cross Memorial Duck Hunt.*

*19 FEB 2022 Trap Shoot at Kingsburg Gun Club. Veterans shoot free!*

Look for Fishing dates for special needs kids coming in March and April!

“Because saying ‘thank you’ to a Veteran just doesn’t seem like enough!” — Bob Dunlap



### THE JOKER STRIKES AGAIN!

Sparky Sparkes and Joker’s Wild Outdoors has done it again! Sparky provided a full donation of an Idaho Cow Elk hunt —providing an amazing experience and successful harvest for retired U.S. Navy Captain Paul Carelli. Paul was blessed with food, lodging, and skilled guide services all courtesy of Sparky and Joker’s Wild!



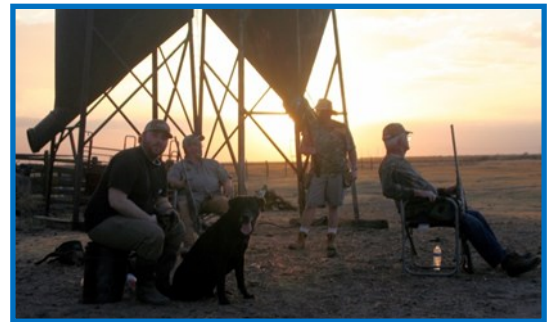
#### Rolling for Ringnecks Pheasant Hunt

MAD Outdoors was able to send 3 Veterans and both of our tracked wheelchairs to the Pheasant Hunt in Porterville on Nov. 12 sponsored by the STCSA and Porterville Safari Club. It was a fantastic event for our Vets!



### DOVE HUNT

Thanks to a generous land owner near the San Joaquin River, we were able to host 11 Veterans for 7 dove hunts during the first two weeks of September. These Veterans served honorably in the Army, Navy and Coast Guard. And while the flights were sometimes light due to dry year, our shooters enjoyed a combination of peacefulness and excitement along with some great comraderie.



### Purple Heart Montana Antelope Hunt



U.S. military Veterans and Purple Heart recipients Caleb Perkins, US Army, and Brandon Bailey, USMC, were able to enjoy the Big Sky of Southwest Montana and a successful antelope hunt. The hunt was made possible by the wonderful generosity of the Terry Horstmann family. Caleb and Brandon, in honor of their service, were provided with 2 days of guided hunting with Super Guide Josh Horstmann on a private ranch near Lima, Montana. Both Veterans were able to harvest nice bucks with clean shots—the way it’s supposed to be done. The time in the field was awesome, but the comradery was the best of all.



### CURRENT NEEDS:

- 1. We are always in need of properties to take Veterans hunting and fishing. Can you help us out?
- 2. We are looking for dairy farmers willing to allow us to bring Veterans to shoot pigeons.

If you can help with any of these projects, please contact Jerry Dunlap at (559)972-1064

Special Thanks to partner organizations:



For more information about any of our events, or to support our efforts, please visit our website at <http://www.madoutdoors.org/> or call Jerry Dunlap @ (559)972-1064

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