



MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR VETERANS, YOUTH AND SPECIAL NEEDS

ANNUAL BANQUET AND FUNDRAISER: MAY 15, 2021



U.S. Marine Corps Veteran, Doug Bassford will be our featured speaker at our live, in-person banquet this year! Doug has personally battled PTSD and experienced the healing impact of outdoors adventures.

After more than a year of observing social distancing protocols, it is imperative that we increase our efforts to meet the psychological, emotional and social needs of our honored Veterans and special needs children by taking them into of the great outdoors. This banquet is our primary fundraiser and provides amazing opportunities to meet some of the people we are working to support.

100 YR OLD VETERAN: SUCCESSFUL ELK HUNT

On Veteran's Day 2020, WWII Veteran Walter Glenn harvested a beautiful 5x5 bull elk with a single shot! MAD Outdoors partnered with several other non-profits to make this American hero's dream come true. To watch the full video, go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2mc2IKU18mQ>



Check out our PSA: Go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VhkXUmh69hg> to see our public service announcements. Share them with your friends and followers on social media. Help us spread the message so that we can serve even more heroes.

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

Spring 2021



SPRING METRICS:

VETERANS SERVED	57
CHILDREN SERVED	30
EVENTS	9
VOLUNTEERS	32
VOLUNTEER HOURS	548

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

COMING EVENTS:

May 2021: Wyoming Bear Hunt in partnership with Western Bear Foundation and Field of Dreams.

Aug. 2021 Idaho Cow Elk Hunt courtesy of "Sparky" Sparkes and Joker's Wild Outdoors

"Because saying 'thank you' to a Veteran just doesn't seem like enough!" — Bob Dunlap



WARRIORS & WATERFOWL: RON CROSS MEMORIAL DUCK HUNT

This year's duck hunt was incredibly special. We were able to celebrate Ron Cross's legacy by providing 12 Veterans with an amazing weekend of waterfowl hunting, trap shooting, great food and fellowship. The **Los Banos Elk's Lodge** hosted and provided meals for our heroes on this weekend that the state of California set aside as a Veteran's only waterfowl hunting weekend. All of our hunters shot their limits during this hunt. Among our guests was Marine Corps Veteran Doug Bassford, whose story you can hear at as banquet as our keynote speaker.

5TH ANNUAL VETERAN'S TRAPSHOOT

The *Make A Difference Outdoors* annual **Trap Shoot** at the Kingsburg Gun Club continues to be a favorite event to honor and support our Veterans in Central California. Once again, more than 40 Veterans of the United States military, along with many of their friends and family, were able to enjoy a beautiful day of missing clay targets. This year we were challenged with a strong cross-wind which gave everyone a reasonable excuse for many unbroken clays. Veterans, as always, were able to shoot for free—shotgun shells and trap fees were provided for each Veteran—thanks to your generous donations and support.



Kids Fishing Days

This year we were able to stock our pond full of trout—to include mature fish up to 8 pounds—in early March. The Central California weather this spring has been beautiful, allowing us to enjoy 5 scheduled fishing days. In this time we have been blessed to take over 100 Veterans and special needs children fishing. We continue to collaborate with **Break the Barriers** to provide Special Needs Children the joy of catching some whoppers! We are so blessed by the Mailing Family who allow us to use their family pond to impact the lives of children and Veterans in our local community.



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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