



Winter-Spring 2022

Veterans Served	73
Children Served	211
Events	12
Volunteers	36
Volunteer Hours	452

"A nation that does not honor its heroes will not long endure."

Abraham Lincoln

Every American military Veteran, when he or she entered service, took a solemn oath to support and defend the Constitution against all enemies, both foreign and domestic. That oath never expires. Veterans not only gave selflessly to

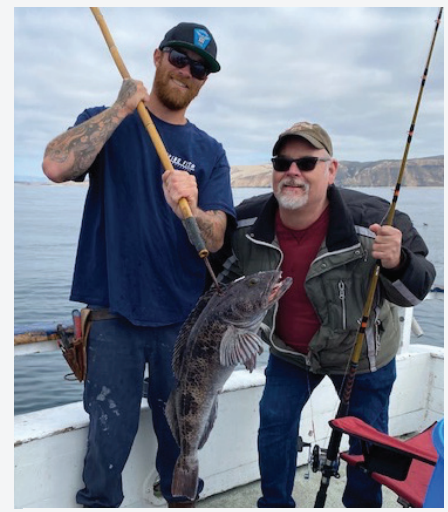
defend those freedoms protected in the Constitution during their term of service, but continue to do so throughout their lifetimes. It is incumbent upon us, then, as grateful citizens of this great country to remember and value their service that we might maintain our liberties for another generation. One way to back our words of gratitude with palpable truth is to financially support or get involved with Make a Difference Outdoors. Please consider joining us in demonstrating our gratitude for those who have defended our valued freedoms.

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.

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Deep Sea Fishing

Summer is coming and that means an opportunity for our local Veterans to enjoy a day of Deep Sea fishing courtesy of MAD Outdoors. Last summer we hosted two trips out of Avila Beach. We are able to take up to 25 Veterans on a one day trip during which we provide the license fee, tackle, and breakfast. Please contact us if you are interested in joining us this summer.



Washington Duck Hunt

In January, Marine Corps Pilot Jeff Tontini was treated to a weekend of waterfowl hunting at "The Duck Shack" duck club in Central Washington State. Jeff was able to enjoy good shooting and a great time over the course of the three day hunt.



Upcoming Events

We have multiple deep sea fishing and hog hunts planned for this summer and are currently at work on a veterans bowling league!

If you are interested in any of these events check with us for specific dates and details!

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Annual Ron Cross Memorial Duck Hunt Warriors & Waterfowl Weekend Feb. 11-13, Los Banos, California.

20 Veterans enjoyed a weekend extravaganza of great duck hunting, great food, great camaraderie. We are especially appreciative of the support provided by the Los Banos Elks Club, American Flyways and Ducks Unlimited. We are also grateful for the custom duck calls donated by Kenny Maggard.



Arizona Bear Hunt

Former Army Ranger Caleb Perkins

Barry Pearlstein worked with Arizona High Country Outfitters to get this hunt donated to honor Caleb's service. The hunt was fast and exciting and Caleb was able to harvest a beautiful Arizona black bear! Congratulations Caleb!

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Kids Fishing Days

From the end of February through the month of April, MAD Outdoors has hosted over 200 young people and Veterans for fishing days at our private ponds in Sanger, California. We have enjoyed helping special needs children catch some large and truly beautiful rainbow and golden trout. Groups from Break the Barriers, Metamorphosis, Roosevelt and Sanger High Schools have been a part of these fun and exciting fishing days this spring.



Current Needs

- We are always in need of properties to take Veterans hunting and fishing.
Can you help out?
- 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

If you know someone who would enjoy or benefit from this newsletter, please submit a valid email address to the email address from which you received this newsletter.

For more information about any of our events, or to support our efforts, please visit our website at madoutdoors.org or contact Jerry Dunlap at (559) 972-1064



Annual MAD Trapshoot. February 19, 2022

Veterans representing all of America's Military branches and service covering nearly seven full decades showed up for a beautiful day of blasting clay pigeons at the Kingsburg Gun Club. Veterans shoot for free at our Annual Trap Shoot held each February. Just one more way we like to say thank you for your selfless service.

