

MAKE A DIFFERENCE Outdoors

MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR VETERANS, YOUTH AND SPECIAL NEEDS

WARRIORS & WATERFOWL / RON CROSS MEMORIAL DUCK HUNT

Make a Difference Outdoors hosted our 6th annual Warriors and Waterfowl weekend December 13-15, 2019. We were able to partner with the 1st Annual **Ron Cross Memorial Duck Hunt** to provide 13 American military Veterans with the first-rate opportunity to hunt waterfowl at some of Central California's best waterfowl clubs. Veterans from as far away as Colorado and Illinois were able to harvest 56 birds this weekend!



On Friday evening MAD Outdoors treated our guests to an evening of pizza and fellowship as we gathered for the weekend. **Ducks Unlimited** provided gift bags as a thanks for the service to the nation that these Veterans have willingly provided. We are particularly grateful to both **Britto and Modesto Properties gun clubs** for donating duck blinds for this event. Saturday afternoon, MAD Outdoors provided a fabulous BBQ feast to honor our guests. Then, on Sunday morning, our Veterans were able to enjoy trap shooting at the Los

Banos Sportsman's Club. We were blessed to provide the peace of the outdoors and the joy of fellowship to these who have given so much for all of us.

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 2019

FALL METRICS:

VETERANS SERVED	42
EVENTS	6
VOLUNTEERS	29
VOLUNTEER HOURS	281

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

COMING EVENTS:

Feb/March 2020: Annual Veteran's Trap Shoot at Kingsburg Gun Club

Feb 29: Veterans Wild Pig Hunt

April 4-5: Clovis Big Hat Days festival

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



DEEP SEA FISHING

In September *Make a Difference Outdoors* took 25 U.S. military Veterans deep sea fishing on the Monterey Bay. This was our second excursion this year. Every one on the boat was able to catch their limit that day. These are incredibly popular events for our local Veterans—and they always have a therapeutic and healing effect on the psychological, social and emotional well-being of our heroes. These events available because of your donations and support!

TRACK CHAIR FOR DOUBLE-AMPUTEE VETERAN!

Navy Veteran JC Cook has benefitted from *Make a Difference Outdoors* events and now volunteers a tremendous amount of time to our events that benefit other Veterans. This is never more evident than in his efforts to bless another Veteran and fellow amputee with an all-terrain track chair. JC helped coordinate and organize a 6 Strings for Freedom concert that raised over \$4500 towards the track chair purchase. *Make a Difference Outdoors* added another \$500 for accessories to outfit the chair for outdoor sports.

Thank you to JC and to our donors for your commitment to our heroes!



Wyoming Elk Hunt

In mid-November, MAD Outdoors hosted a cow elk hunt for two American Veterans in Wyoming. Guide Dustin Lym and MAD Outdoors rep. Clyde Ulrich hosted Veterans Casey Schaubslager and Cade Broadman for a weekend hunt in the crisp Wyoming woods where our hunters were able to successfully harvest a beautiful cow elk. Congratulations, gentlemen!



Montana Antelope Hunt

MAD shout out to Jeremy Horstmann for once again hosting and guiding an American Veteran on a hunt in Montana. Marine Corps Veteran Joe Rodriguez was able to harvest an antelope and shoot ducks in the same weekend!



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

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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