



OHIO VETERANS OUTDOORS NEWSLETTER

Remembering Our Brother, Mike

June 13, 2020 was a sad day for the OVO family as we lost a brother, father, husband, patriot, good friend, and huge OVO supporter, Mike Higgins. Mike served in Vietnam with Charlie Company, 1/12 Cav, US Army, 1969-70. Mike's son, Mark is on the OVO executive board and Mike was a constant presence at OVO events donating his time, welding skills, sage advice, and corny jokes. We have renamed the Brookville Lake fishing weekend to the Mike Higgins Welcome Home Classic as one small way to remember the impact he had on OVO and his fellow veterans. Rest in peace, Mike and welcome home brother.



Whitetails Unlimited Banquet

Although the turn out was a lot smaller than last year, we still had a great time and a lot of great people won some great prizes. Further, even with the smaller crowd, we still made nearly as much as last year. Thank you to all those who came out to support us and those who volunteered. We had awesome corporate sponsors as well as individuals who donated tickets/tables to veterans. Archery World USA; Tyler McConnell at Southern Ohio Properties; Greg Scott and family; and Runks Custom Welding.



Erie 'Eyes

It was a beautiful day with 11 awesome veterans landing a total of 57 walleye. Thanks to Captain Dave and Hayley with Wreck-N-Eyes out of Ashtabula. We won't say who caught the dinks!

Mike Higgins Classic

A freezer full of crappie with a few walleye tossed in! More importantly, a great time with great people. Mike was a great guy and we are happy to now be able to honor him every year with this great event.



How To Get Involved

OVO is always looking for volunteers and participants. If you are interested in volunteering or you are a Vet who would like to take advantage of the opportunities OVO provides, please contact us at mail@ohvetsoutdoors.org or click "Interested" on the Facebook Event.

Who We Are

Ohio Veterans Outdoors, Inc. is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization created by and for combat-wounded, ill, and injured Veterans of the US Armed Forces.

Mission

Promote wounded veteran wellness through outdoor experiences and education.

Our Board

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Find Out More

We want to recognize all of the great companies that support our Mission and Organization. If you see something underlined, it is a link to a webpage. Please, click the link and support those that support us in anyway you can!

Website: www.ohvetsoutdoors.org

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Ohio Veterans Outdoors

Upcoming Events:

September 26: 2nd Annual Squirrel Hunt. Blanchester, Ohio

October 3-4: Ohio Military Waterfowl Season (active duty and veterans only)

November 5-8: 5th Annual Archery Deer Hunt Weekend

November TBD: 5th Annual Scott Rhoades Memorial Duck Hunt

December 19: 5th Annual Deer Gun Hunt

Support OVO

As with anyone, we are very appreciative of monetary donations. But, there are many ways to support OVO in addition to sending money. One way is by getting some OVO gear. Although we sell them quick, we have apparel (hoodies, hats, shirts), decals, cups, and more to come!

Another way is to do what you are likely doing already! Buying stuff on Amazon. Don't worry, if you have Prime, you still get the benefits. To do this, go to smile.amazon.com and make your purchases, or to make it easier for you, save the page to your home screen (see below). When you get there, select "Ohio Veterans Outdoors" as the supported organization.

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