



OHIO VETERANS OUTDOORS NEWSLETTER

Slippery When Wet

At the 2nd Annual Mike Higgins Welcome Home Classic, we didn't slay the fish like we wanted, some didn't even make into the boat. The A-10 Warthogs flying practice routes overhead was the highlight for some! Unfortunately, with four tournaments happening that weekend, the fish were a bit worn out, even for Til Valhalla Baits (thank you Joey for the donations)!

More important than the fish and the food we had, we got to honor the namesake of this event, Mike Higgins. Thanks to Jacobs Nurseries for the donation of the Tulip Poplar and the OVO Board for the commemorative brick. A small gesture compared to the sacrifice of all those who never received the proper homecoming—welcome home!



Them 'eyes!

Tough to include a picture of all the fish when you limit out in the first few hours on a 5- and 11-man charter. Be sure to check out our Facebook for some of the others, better yet, get out on the water and take some home with you! Thank you to the charters that made these weekends happen:

Wrek-N-Eyes; Double Dipper Lake Erie Charters; Drilling Eyes Charter.



Whitetails Unlimited

This years Whitetails Unlimited Banquet was a real banger! With nearly a sell out crowd, OVO and WTU were able to get some awesome gear in your guys' hands! We were so happy to be able to be back with everyone as in years past and now we can't wait to get out in the woods with y'all!

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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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:

October 2-3: Ohio Military Waterfowl Weekend—see page 19 of **OH Hunting and Trapping Regulations**--no official OVO event

October 16: 3rd Annual Squirrel Hunt, Blanchester, OH

November 11-14: 6th Annual Archery Deer Camp

November 19-20 2: 6th Annual Scott Rhoades Memorial Duck Hunt

December 18: 6th Annual Deer Gun Hunt

Bay Area Credit Union Match

A big thank you to [Bay Area CU](#) for the donation match campaign. All donations received from August 30th through September 11th were matched by Bay Area CU. For those of you in our northern outpost, be sure to keep them in mind for your future banking needs! While you are up there—stop by and say thanks for what they do to support the community and Veterans.



Hot Seat

Next up in our newsletter interview is our Vice President, Travis Ribby. Make sure to finish up reading before you jump to the last page to learn more about Mr. Ribby.

Classifieds

Are you or someone you know a grant writer? If so, we have a position for you! We are looking for someone to help with applying for grants. If interested, please reach out, even if it is for some helpful tips.

We hope you find this newsletter useful and informative. If you did, please recommend a friend or family member visit our website or social media.

If you have any suggestions for content or topics you would like to see included, message us on Facebook/Instagram, email us at mail@ohvetsoutdoors.org, or fill out the web form, [here](#)!

Travis Ribby

What is your position? Executive Vice President

How long have you been with OVO? 4 years

Why did you join OVO? What attracted you to OVO? I was looking for a way to serve those who served this country.

What do you hope wounded vets will gain from an OVO event? That veterans will be in a comfortable environment with like-minded people and leave feeling mentally refreshed.

Did you hunt, fish or recreate outdoors prior to joining OVO? If so, what did you do? I have hunted and fished most of my life. My best hunting story comes from the first OVO Colorado elk hunt. Even though we didn't even see an elk, walking around that beautiful country side with three other incredible vets made for life long memories.

First OVO event? 2017 Spring Turkey Hunt

Favorite OVO event or experience: Every event brings its own unique experience – two of my favorite events were the Colorado Elk Hunt and the Kentucky Lake Bow Fishing event.

What is your full-time job? Full time Test Engineer

How long have you been out of the military? How many tours? I got out of the Military in March of 2012. I did 2 tours, one to Iraq in 2007 and one to Afghanistan in 2009.

What branch were you in? United States Marine Corps.

Advice to someone who recently separated from the military: Never fight the fight alone. The brotherhood among the ranks in the military are just as strong outside of the military. Become a part of an organization or start your own and create an environment where you feel comfortable.

