

MISSION

Our mission is to organize and facilitate therapeutic outdoor adventures for Service Members past and present, young and old, and Gold Star families. This includes all military branches, from Soldiers and Sailors to Airmen, Marines, Guardians, and Coasties. These adventures allow a network to be built locally and nationally by giving Veterans the opportunity to help other Veterans by connecting in the great outdoors. Service members from every era face the challenge of coping with stressors arising from past and/or present events. Connecting with like-minded individuals surrounded by nature's beauty is a life-changing experience and allows us the opportunity to give our members an outlet. We build a strong support system of new and old friends, as well as a way of learning a new skill, and finding a new passion they can continue for a lifetime!

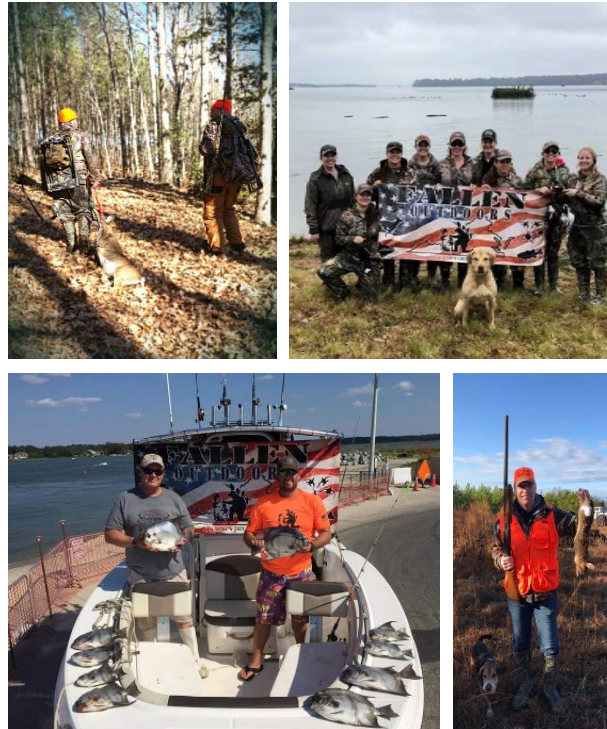
About The **FALLEN OUTDOORS**

In 2009, on top of a remote outpost in Afghanistan, The Fallen Outdoors was only a dream to 3 soldiers, SSG John Bates, SPC Eric Finniginamm, and SPC Eric Bakken. Sadly, after losing SPC Eric Finniginamm in the line of duty in 2009, Eric Bakken decided to leave the Army in 2015 to pursue The Fallen Outdoors full time. Growing steadily from 2009, The Fallen Outdoors serves over 2000 Members a year across our great nation and continues to grow and serve more every day. Team Virginia was added to the organization in 2017 to help reach our great Veterans and Active-Duty Members in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Led by Chris Heffley, Team Virginia is run by a group of Veteran and Active-Duty volunteers known as Pro-Staff Members. Each Pro-Staff Member brings his or her own knowledge of and love for their favorite outdoor activities to the table, making Team Virginia diverse and successful in the great outdoors.

Team Virginia's Trips

Through the sport of hunting and fishing, we can bring Service members together, get them outdoors, and enjoy the sports they love. Some of the events we have had the pleasure of sharing with our Members include:

- ★ Deer Hunting
- ★ Turkey Hunting
- ★ Waterfowl Hunting
- ★ Small Game Hunting
- ★ Charter Fishing Trips
- ★ Recreational Shooting
- ★ Knife Forging Events
- ★ And more!!!!



THE **FALLEN OUTDOORS** TEAM VIRGINIA



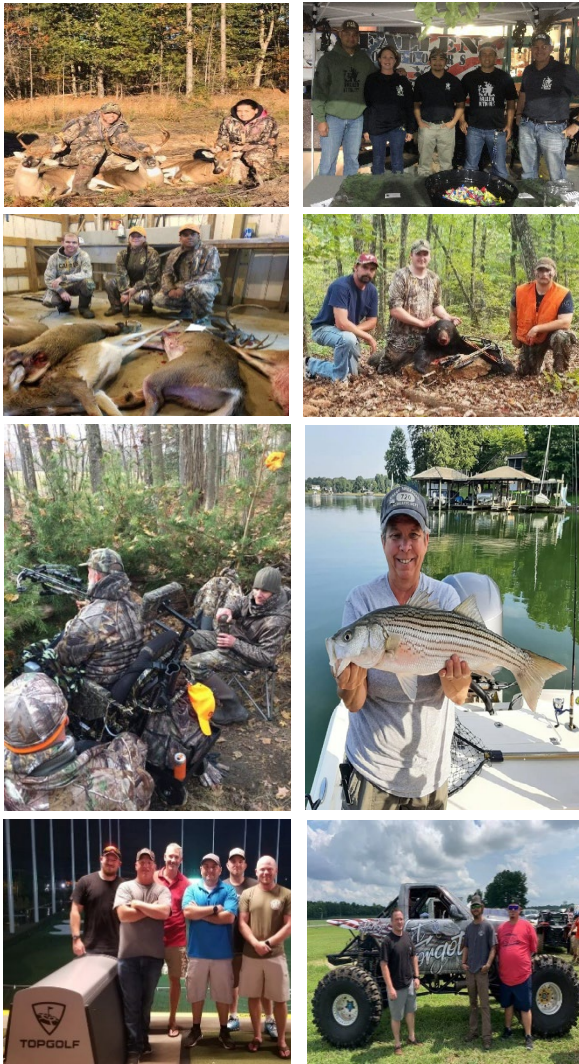
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“Living our dreams, because they gave up theirs”

ON THE HUNT!

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GET IN ON THE ACTION!!



“Before I heard of The Fallen Outdoors (TFO), I never really left the house. I always kept to myself and cooped myself up in my house. I was anti-social and didn’t want to do anything. I never really fished prior to my introduction to TFO either. After talking with Michael over social media, he invited me out to a Bass fishing tournament at Lake Norman, NC, and I had a blast, even though I didn’t catch anything, I was able to get out and have a great time with great people that knew what I was going through. I was addicted at that point. I signed up for the next fishing trip, I went out and bought more fishing equipment and gear, I found my therapy. I have gone through a tough time since leaving the military, and these guys are right here with me, they understand. My second fishing trip we went to Lake Hickory, where I caught my first ever bass, with some assistance from my guides, but I still caught it. That was the best feeling ever. This group has given me goals to work at, friends to talk to and hang out with, and things to look forward to. This organization brought new light into my life, and I look forward for future trips and keeping this newfound family!”

- Michael Saunders

We get our Members active in every aspect of the great outdoors! From hunting and fishing, to recreational shooting, and camping. We help build our brothers and sisters camaraderie while having fun outdoors.

Your sacrifice, by serving, is why we strive so hard to provide the best outdoor experience possible. Will you join us?

How can I get involved?

Glad you asked! The Fallen Outdoors is a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization, where our staff members volunteer, all hunting and fishing trips are donated.

The biggest form of help comes in several forms, including financial donations, the use of your land, boats, and even your time or skills for hunting and fishing trips for our Veterans.

If you see a way you would like to assist, please see below.

No gift is too big or too small. Our men and women in uniform have signed a blank check made payable to the United States of America for an amount up to and including their life. We at The Fallen Outdoors want to help pay them back! Will you join us?

Financial donations can be made by contacting the Team Virginia Lead via email: va.lead@thefallenoutdoors.org

Want to donate, host a hunting or fishing trip, give lessons, or just simply say something to the team and our veterans? Here is how you can reach us:

The Fallen Outdoors Team Virginia

Virginia Team Lead: Chris Heffley
Email: va.lead@thefallenoutdoors.org

Veterans or Active-Duty Members here is how to find us:

The Fallen Outdoors Team Virginia’s Flowpage:
<https://flow.page/thefallenoutdoorsvirginia>

