

# KAMO ADVENTURES

## CONTINUED SUCCESS FOR KAMO'S COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAM

Since the COVID pandemic began in March 2020, KAMO Adventures has had the amazing opportunity to deliver hundreds of thousands of dollar's-worth of toiletries, cleaning supplies, snacks, laundry detergent, bottled water and other sundry items, along with children's books to groups around the country and right here in Kansas City. We were also able to provide supplies for Fort Campbell's Welcome Home Celebration for troops that were returning from overseas and we have also been able to support Fort Leavenworth, Tennessee National Guard, and Fort Bragg families. So far, in total, **KAMO has worked with our partners to donate OVER \$1 MILLION in supplies to our communities!** But we have plans to do even more. Your continued support for KAMO Adventures helps us to continue to provide these services and resources to our veteran communities in Kansas City and across the nation!



Here are the stories and photos from a few of the amazing places we have been able to donate to:

### St. Michael's Veteran's Home

Here in Kansas City, KAMO Adventures delivered a huge supply of laundry detergent to the St. Michael's Veterans Home. It was one of the items that Cindy Taylor, Service Manager at St. Michael's Veterans Home, expressed a great need for at this time. They were overjoyed with the delivery as it will be able to supply them for over 3 months!

Cindy said, "Many residents at St. Michael's Veterans Center experience life on an extremely low monthly income. After paying rent and other bills they struggle to meet the rest of their needs such as food, hygiene and other basic needs. When St. Michael's Veterans Center was originally conceived and built, the developers were cognizant of this and built laundry rooms on each floor with washers and dryers that are free to use. To this end, St. Michael's residents are so grateful for the recent generous and GINORMOUS donation of laundry soap. The residents can now take that necessary item off their shopping list – thanks to KAMO and their donors."

Over the last several months KAMO has continued to supply St. Michael's with other needed items. In addition, we received the donation of a motorized scooter and cell phones that we were also able to donate to St. Michael's for some of their residents.



### Jerico Springs

Jerico Springs is a small community near the location of our KAMO Adventures ranch. KAMO Veterans stay at the ranch during our various hunting and fishing trips and the Jerico Springs community has been a wonderful source of support for our organization. This was a wonderful opportunity for KAMO Adventures to be able to give back to this community during this difficult time. KAMO Board Member, Dave Haubein, whose home is one of the locations that house veteran trip attendees, has many wonderful and heartwarming stories of all the good these supplies have done in their community.

## Veteran Profile Curtis Hervey

Curtis Hervey is a retired US Army Combat Engineer and Acquisitions prior-enlisted officer who served for 20.8 years with 5 overseas tours of duty, participating in both Operation Iraqi Freedom as well as Operation Enduring Freedom. In OIF he provided combat service support as a forward tank turret repairman in Desert Storm during the historic 240-kilometer attack through a breach in Iraqi defense into northern Kuwait. During OEF he was the deputy chief of contracting at forward operating base Salerno, Afghanistan. He was medically retired in April 2015. He has been married to his wife Stacey since 1995 and has two sons who are both serving in the Air Force. Curtis is a 100% permanent and total disabled veteran and a dedicated veteran's advocate. In 2020, Curtis drafted a Veterans' bill that seeks to amend 38 CFR § 4.125 – Diagnosis of Mental Disorders in accordance with the "General Personality Disorder" criteria in the DSM-5. Curtis explains, "I believe that veterans cannot live without the honor and misattribution of military trauma, such as PTSD and TBIs, as "personality disorders." This might save the Department of Defense and the VA money, but it also stigmatizes and dishonors veterans which can contribute to suicidal ideations." He is currently seeking Congressional sponsorship for the bill. Curtis is also a full-time doctoral student in Public Policy at his alma mater, Liberty University, and plans to submit an essay proposal for the VFW-SVA Legislative Fellowship.



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### Fort Campbell

The Fort Campbell chapter of the Association of the United States Army (AUSA) coordinated the delivery of 24 pallets of snacks, water and hygiene items to the installation on June 9, 2020. This event kicked off a week-long celebration to celebrate Army's birthday.

Volunteers and board members of AUSA FTC met the tractor-trailer full of goods at Fort Campbell's MWR Warehouse where they helped with the delivery. Snacks and supplies will be divided up and sent to each of Fort Campbell's brigades as well as other tenant units.

"We are so excited about this opportunity to give a little something back to the soldiers and families of Fort Campbell who give so much for us" said Kelli Pendleton, President of the AUSA Fort Campbell chapter. "This was a coordinated effort that we hope to do again".

Past president of AUSA FTC, Dave Cooper, connected the chapter with Vietnam veteran Mike Meyer, KAMO Adventures Board Member, who organized the donated goods and transfer to Fort Campbell. "We have great community partners that help us support active duty soldiers, veterans and their family members", said Charlie Koon, 1st Vice President of AUSA FTC, "A great example of these partnerships can be seen through the support given to us by Mike Meyer, who helped make this donation to AUSA a reality. We can't thank him enough for helping us with our mission."



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**Our Partners**  
The majority of the goods KAMO was able to deliver were donated by Church & Dwight Corporation (Arm & Hammer Corporation) and Feed the Children. Mike Meyer, KAMO Board member shares, "Feed the Children and Church & Dwight Corporation have always been incredibly generous to local communities and they jumped at the chance to be able to assist veterans and the local community. It is KAMO Adventures honor to be able to help disperse these items to those most in need." Church & Dwight Corporation donated an abundance of cleaning supplies, laundry soap, and other soap-based sundries. Feed the Children provided a large amount of bottled water, snacks, and baby diapers for veterans and their families. All in all, the generosity of these donors led to hundreds of thousands of dollars-worth of items being dispersed into our community to benefit veterans, their families, as well as the communities that have helped support KAMO Adventures. Your donations to KAMO Adventures have gone a long way toward funding the transportation costs to deliver the semi's worth of goods to these various locations.

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## Annual Turkey Hunt April 29<sup>th</sup> – May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021

### Upcoming Events

**KAMO Fishing Trip**  
*Thursday, Sept. 23 -  
Sunday, Sept. 25, 2021*

**KAMO Clay Sporting  
Shoot Event at  
Powder Creek  
Shooting Park**  
*Saturday, Oct. 9, 2021*

**KAMO Deer Hunt**  
*Thursday, November  
18 to Sunday,  
November 21, 2021*

**Annual KAMO  
Auction and  
Fundraiser at the  
Boulevard Brewery**  
*Thursday, March 31,  
2022*

It was our great pleasure to have three military veterans join us on KAMO's Spring Turkey Hunt: Michael "Shane" Zavodny, Curtis Hervey, and Denver Kaponi Aki. Not everyone was successful in getting a turkey, but they were all successful in having a wonderful time just hanging out with one another and with our guide's and volunteers. One veteran said, "I just wanted to thank you and your awesome organization for hosting me to try a turkey hunt. I guess I am not a hunter...but, at least I tried it out and even got a successful kill on my first ever hunt! I really enjoyed the comradery, the hospitality, and good people during my stay". These are the sorts of opportunities your donations provide for our veterans and currently serving military participants, and for that we cannot thank each and every one of you enough! We also want to say a very special thank you to our fantastic, world-class, volunteer guides, Paul Todey and Byron Mitchell for all their work in planning this hunt and guiding the veterans.



### Want to Host and Attend a Hunt? Ask us how!



If you know of anyone who is currently serving or who is an honorably discharged veteran who you think would be interested in attending one of our events, then let us know! We are always looking for more people to serve, and we greatly value the relationships we build and the services we provide to these individuals. Remember, there is no cost to the participants. The data form is on our website at [www.kamoadventures.com](http://www.kamoadventures.com) or contact [info@kamoadventures.com](mailto:info@kamoadventures.com) to have an application sent to you!

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## KAMO VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



### Paul Todey

Paul Todey has been volunteering with KAMO Adventures for many years now and attends all of the hunts and also brings his boat out and guides for our KAMO Fishing Trip for Veterans. Paul was a longtime employee at the Missouri Department of Transportation prior to his retirement. He has been friends with Dave Haubein, a KAMO Board Member, for over 20 years and they have shot on various teams and at various events together. Paul grew up in Iowa, but now calls Fordland, Missouri home. He has been a longtime outdoorsman and hunter and he also processes his own venison. He is a wonderful volunteer to have with all of his knowledge of the outdoors. Thank you Paul for all your support for KAMO Adventures and guiding our veterans during all of our hunting and fishing trips!

### Byron Mitchell

Byron Mitchell has been volunteering with KAMO Adventures for over 4 years now and he attends all of our hunting trips to help guide our veterans in the turkey and deer hunts. Byron grew up in Mississippi, but now calls Lebanon, Missouri home. He is an Air Force veteran and currently works for the United States Forest Service. Byron has also been a lifelong, avid outdoorsman and hunter. He is a wonderful teacher and guide for the veterans and he was also very instrumental in helping to get the meat processing set up last year so that our veterans could take the processed meat home at the end of the hunt instead of having to wait for it to be processed and then shipped or picked up. Thank you for all you do for KAMO and our veterans Byron!

