

PROGRAM FAQ

1. What is Amazing Surf Adventures and its relation to Operation Surf?

Amazing Surf Adventures is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that was founded by Van Curaza in 2008. It originally began as a nonprofit for at-risk youth, but switched its focus after partnering with the Brooke Army Medical Center's Center for Intrepid and the San Antonio-based nonprofit, Operation Comfort in 2009 to host a program that would become Operation Surf. Today, Operation Surf has become ASA's primary program.

2. What is Operation Surf and how does it work?

Operation Surf is a program that offers week long adaptive surfing trips for wounded veteran and active duty military men and women. We pair our heroes with their own individual surf instructor and develop a goal-based curriculum around their unique abilities. Operation Surf offers an environment of camaraderie and healing to its participants by giving them a shared experience in the water each day. Beyond surfing, our program works to facilitate strong bonds by having all participants and staff take their meals together and talk about their progress and challenges. To further strengthen these bonds, participants are all housed in the same lodging throughout the week.

3. Is this program only open to Veterans and how many can participate at each event?

Our program extends to active duty military with primarily service-connected injuries, in addition to veterans. Since 2009, we have helped over 500 active duty and veteran heroes with an average of 20 participants per event, but have held programs with group sizes as small as five members and as large as 30.

4. How much does the program cost?

Operation Surf is a free, all-inclusive program for participants and is made possible by donations, sponsorship and volunteers.

5. How does the team at Operation Surf and the surfing instructors maintain safety during surfing lessons?

Safety is our number one priority. Our instructors are trained to spot any problems before they become serious, and to always put their participant's safety first. Additionally, we have a considerable Water Crew of CPR and Lifeguard-certified support staff, as well as Emergency Services staff present at all times at the beach. During heavier swells, we often have Water Crew members patrolling the lineup on jet-skis with rescue materials on hand. The key is constant supervision, and an open line of communication between instructor and participant.

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Amazing Surf Adventures:

With more than eight years of operational experience, Amazing Surf Adventures (ASA) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, founded by world-renowned surfer Van Curaza that is globally recognized for its distinct surfing program. Amazing Surf Adventures began hosting Operation Surf in partnership with the Brooke Army Medical Center's Center for Intrepid and the San Antonio-based nonprofit, Operation Comfort. ASA promises to change lives and instill hope in individuals facing challenges through providing a supportive and therapeutic surfing community and environment. ASA puts the care and comfort of its participants above all else - with the highest quality adaptive surf instructors, dedicated volunteers and supportive community, ASA promises to continue changing lives one wave at a time. Amazing Surf Adventures puts safety above all else - with trained instructors, water crews and certified lifeguards ready to spot and mitigate any dangers before they become serious.

Operation Surf:

Acting as the organization's primary program, Operation Surf offers veterans and active duty military, who have primarily service-connected injuries, with an all-inclusive week-long surfing trip. The program pairs our heroes with their own individual surf instructor and together they develop a goal-based curriculum around their physical and mental capabilities. Operation Surf participants experience a decrease in PTSD symptoms by 36%, a decrease in depression by 47% and an increase in Self Efficacy by 68%.

The Opportunities For Veterans:

Offering a complete surf-therapy program, Operation Surf aims to create an environment of camaraderie and healing for its active duty and veteran participants. With over 500 participants since its fruition, active-duty and veteran heroes are able to utilize the transformative power of the waves to overcome any perceived challenges. Operation Surf is cost free to the participants thanks to continued donations, sponsorship and volunteer support. Veterans who have completed the program are welcome to take part in future events as a volunteer or, in some cases, a mentor, to offer support and guidance to new participants both in the water and on land.



GOLF TOURNAMENT FAQ

1. What is the purpose of the charity golf tournaments?

The purpose of the Charles D. Perriguet Jr. Charity Golf Tournament and the Poppy Hills Golf Tournament is to raise money for Amazing Surf Adventure's program Operation Surf. In order to give our heroes the best and most memorable experience, we raise money to make sure they won't be clouded by any financial concerns.

2. What is the Charles D. Perriguet Jr. Charity Golf Tournament?

Every year, approximately 200 Golfers and Dinner Guests show up for this very popular Golf Tournament. We can accept a maximum of 144 Golfers (4-man teams) at each event. The tournament has sold out early the last several years and demand continues to grow. The entry fee is \$199 per golfer which includes green fees, use of cart, practice balls, lunch on the course, all on course games and Dinner Banquet with guest speaker, Raffle and Silent Auction. The 2017 tournament will take place on Monday, June 26.

3. What is the Poppy Hills at Pebble Beach Golf Tournament?

This is a newer tournament for Operation Surf. This event requires 2-man teams for 9 holes and A&B flights of golfers. There is an entry fee of \$99 per golfer which includes Green Fees, Cart, after-golf Tappas and refreshments in the Clubhouse, Raffle and Silent Auction as well as an Operation Surf past participant Guest Speaker. Approximately 75 Golfers attended the first Poppy Hills fundraiser for ASA and plans for the 2018 event are currently under-way.

4. How will Operation Surf benefit from the charity golf tournaments?

Funds received through entry fees, sponsorship and donations will be used to expand on Operation Surf's infrastructure, equipment and any existing or new programs. Sufficiently funded Operation Surf events always give our participants the best and most memorable experiences by removing any financial concerns on the part of the participants. Additionally, ASA embraces any opportunity to educate new audiences about the Operation Surf programs and the healing effects of ocean and surf therapy. During tournament banquets we incorporate video presentations along with Guest Speakers to give audiences the best exposure to what we do. The combination has proven to be extremely impactful and very well received by our donors, sponsors and guests.

5. How do players qualify for the charity golf tournaments?

There is no player specifications needed to be able to qualify for either of the charity golf tournaments. However, participants do need to pay the full entry fee in advance in order to be eligible for the tournaments.

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Charles D. Perriguet Jr. Charity Golf Tournament:

The Charles D. Perriguet Jr. Charity Golf Tournament is a tournament memorializing the life and service of Chuck D. Perriguet, JR. a highly decorated Marine, LAPD helicopter pilot, and avid supporter of Amazing Surf Adventure's program Operation Surf. Every year, the proceeds from this 18-hole golf tournament directly benefits Operation Surf. There is a \$185 registration fee for each golfer, this fee includes green fees, the use of a cart, lunch at the golf club, all on-course games and a dinner banquet including raffle and silent auction. Prizes will also be awarded for low scores, closest to pin, long drive, and hole-in-ones.

Poppy Hills Golf Tournament:

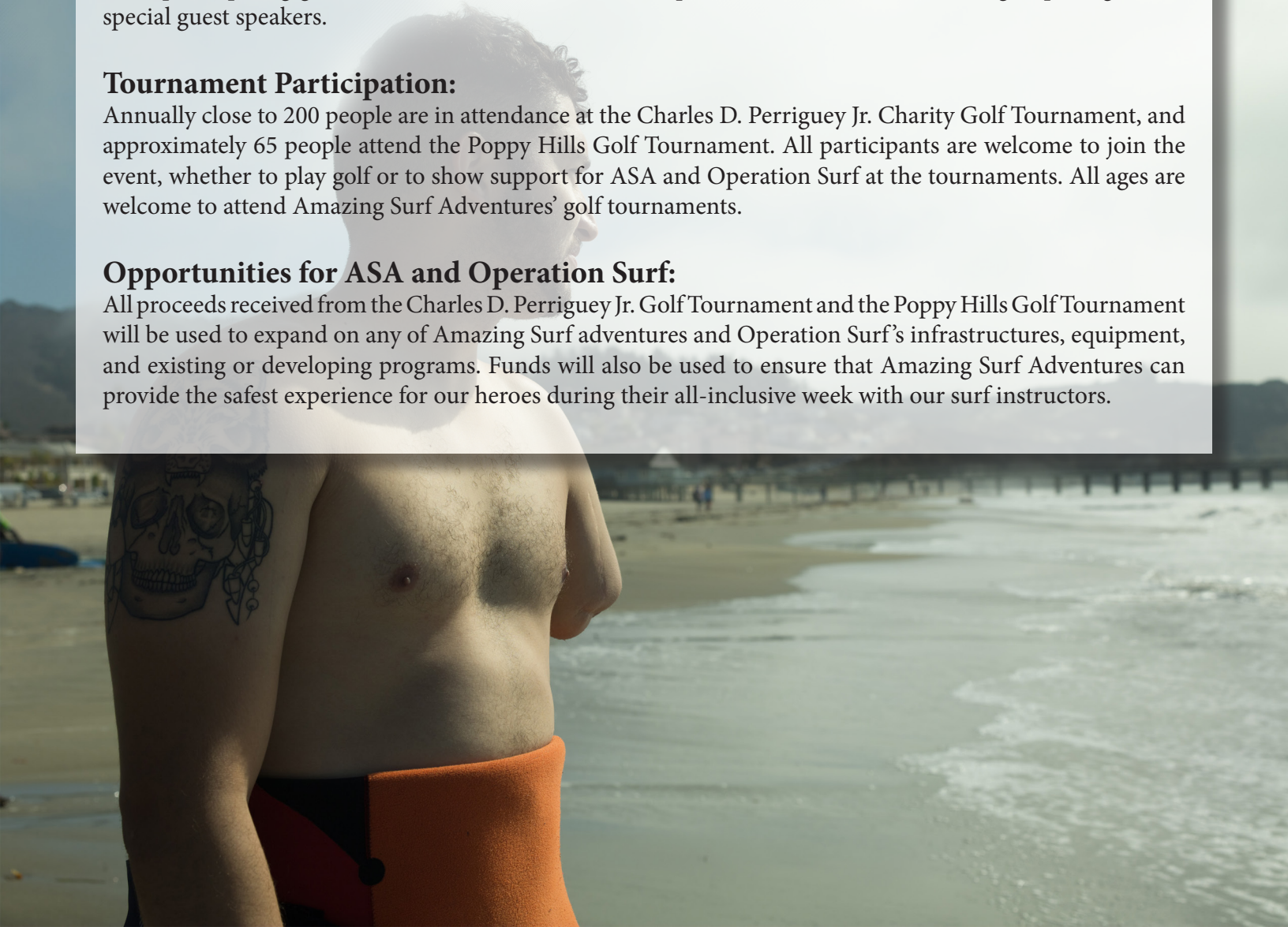
The Poppy Hills Golf Tournament is a nine hole golf tournament and Amazing Surf Adventures newest fundraiser. Similar to the Charles D. Perriguet Jr. Charity Golf Tournament, all proceeds will go directly to Operation Surf. The Poppy Hills Golf Tournament will be held at the beautiful Poppy Hills Golf Course in Pebble Beach where events such as the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am was held. A \$99 fee is applicable to all participating golfers. Included in the fee are door prizes, refreshments, hotel and golf packages, and special guest speakers.

Tournament Participation:

Annually close to 200 people are in attendance at the Charles D. Perriguet Jr. Charity Golf Tournament, and approximately 65 people attend the Poppy Hills Golf Tournament. All participants are welcome to join the event, whether to play golf or to show support for ASA and Operation Surf at the tournaments. All ages are welcome to attend Amazing Surf Adventures' golf tournaments.

Opportunities for ASA and Operation Surf:

All proceeds received from the Charles D. Perriguet Jr. Golf Tournament and the Poppy Hills Golf Tournament will be used to expand on any of Amazing Surf adventures and Operation Surf's infrastructures, equipment, and existing or developing programs. Funds will also be used to ensure that Amazing Surf Adventures can provide the safest experience for our heroes during their all-inclusive week with our surf instructors.



VAN CURAZA, FOUNDER

Van Curaza, founder of Amazing Surf Adventures and former professional surfer previously featured in *Surfer* and *Surfing* magazine, has dedicated his career to helping others through the healing power of surfing. His work has been featured in numerous publications, including ESPN and *Southwest: The Magazine*, and has earned him the first annual Blue Mind Award.

Van created Amazing Surf Adventures after gaining experience working with at-risk youth and the disabled. Having experienced his own struggles in his youth, Van turned to surfing throughout his life as a means to stay positive. Through Amazing Surf Adventures and Operation Surf, he helps others do the same.

“Seeing how it helped me as a young man, I want to share my experiences and mentor others who need help,” he said. “I am passionate about being a positive role model who shares the value of surfing and its lifestyle.”

Van first began teaching in adaptive surfing programs in 2006, where he successfully helped disabled students—many of them wounded veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars—catch and ride waves for the first time.

Since his first lesson in 1984, he has instilled the fundamentals of the sport and a stoke for the ocean in students ranging in age from 5 to 83. Van has also operated his own surf school, Van Curaza Surf School, in Avila Beach since 2008.

“I teach people to understand the beaches and to be a surfer,” said Van. “To glide along the water on a board is the greatest thrill I can think of, and it’s my passion to bring that to other people.”

Van first started surfing when he was 10 years old, eventually going on to acquire extensive knowledge through his years as a traveling surfer. He proved himself as a skilled professional through his experience tackling the ocean in Indonesia and Tahiti, contesting waves on Hawaii’s famed North Shore, and surfing the coast of his home state of California.

Whether surfing competitively, giving surf instruction, traveling to surf spots, shaping custom surfboards or surf retailing, Van has devoted decades of his life to the sport. These experiences have made him into a trusted professional with a passion for sharing his knowledge through close guidance and care.



BRENT EDWARDS, BOARD MEMBER

Brent Edwards is a man who wears many hats on a daily basis. For the past 24 years, he has run and owned his own premiere Mortgage banking service in Santa Cruz, CA. while simultaneously raising three girls, who all love to surf. Before then, he received his Bachelor of Science from San Jose State University in Business Finance. Currently, he serves as a Board Member of Amazing Surf Adventures, and the former director of many Operation Surf Santa Cruz events.

His initial involvement with Amazing Surf Adventures was in 2011 when a friend suggested he volunteer for an Operation Surf event. During his first event, he had to help carry a participant, a double amputee, and ride up an elevator with him. This was an overpowering and very memorable moment for Brent. From then on, he never took anything for granted. According to Brent, “Every opportunity after that has just been a gift and super important to me.” As a Marine veteran during the Gulf War Era and an avid surfer, Brent knew combining war-experienced veterans and the transformative power of the ocean in Operation Surf was the perfect opportunity to incorporate his interest in surfing while helping people in the service. It is his life passion to be an advocate in anyway he can.

Brent’s passion for surfing is drawn from the healing power of the ocean and the freedom it gives him. He is a lover of the water, the ocean, and anything adventurous. Beyond surfing and teaching others to surf, he enjoys mountain biking, fishing, working out and travelling by boat. He considers himself quite the outdoorsman - especially a waterman. Friends describe him as a good father, an avid adventurer, and a solid, dependable friend. In the future, he hopes to see Operation Surf serve in different variant forms, aiding more servicemen and women who need help on an ongoing and worldwide basis.

“I am in awe of the transformational experience it offers to this day. It never ceases to amaze me” says Brent, when talking about Operation Surf. He hopes to stay involved with Amazing Surf Adventures and Operation Surf for the rest of his life.



CAROLYN O'CONNELL, BOARD MEMBER

Carolyn O'Connell went from a 20 year career in the real estate world to what became her new career volunteering for Amazing Surf Adventures. Born in Los Angeles, CA, Carolyn received a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration from Loyola Marymount University. Being a Military and Police wife to her husband John, whom she wed in 1970, Carolyn understood the effects combat can have on a person. After actively volunteering in hosting wounded and injured military personnel from the Brooke Army Medical Center (BAMC) in San Antonio, TX, Carolyn realized she wanted to continue serving our nation's heroes in their recovery.

Having witnessed, first hand, the healing and therapeutic effects surfing had on her husband, Carolyn started working alongside Van Curaza in 2009 to aid in the establishment of Operation Surf as a program of Amazing Surf Adventures. Her work is centered around two non-negotiable values: to dream and to do. Carolyn's infectious spirit is exemplified by how generous she is with her time and her dedication to helping others. At her core, is a genuine love to see people overcome their hardships and perceived challenges.

Carolyn currently resides in Shell Beach with her husband. They have two married daughters and six grandchildren.



DAVID HERGENROEDER, BOARD MEMBER

David Hergenroeder has always had a passion for the ocean and nature. He is fascinated by the different colors and moods the ocean portrays and the animals that inhabit it. The California native grew up in Morro Bay, loving animals, hiking and backpacking. Fast-forward to today, David combines his passions of nature and the ocean with his career.

While David is the CEO and Founder of All Ways Clean Corporation and, formerly, the General Manager of the Mission Linen Supply plant in Morro Bay, his dedication to nature preservation and the ocean is evident in his involvement as a board member for Central Coast Natural History Association (CCNA) and his current position on the Board of Directors for Amazing Surf Adventures. Originally, he involved himself with ASA because he had a strong relationship with Van from years of surfing and fell in love with the idea of Operation Surf.

According to David, the most rewarding part of Operation Surf is seeing the transformations and joy on everyone's faces. Working with such passionate and dedicated individuals is priceless to him.

When David isn't working to reduce his carbon footprint, you can find him spending time with his family, surfing, reading and writing.

