Race Starts in 87 Days (and other updates!)

(Pictured above L to R: John Fannin, Marines, San Antonio, TX; Luke Holton, Army, Juneau, AK; Skipper Carl Christensen, Navy, Powell, WY; Evan Stratton, Marines, Denver, CO)

Dear Fight Oar Die Supporter,

Here's an update from HQ to keep you in the loop.

The train up in Mobile in August was strong and successful. The crew had all of their on-the-water training, successfully completed their navigational and medical trainings, as well as their psych testing/consults with our partners; in short, they are good-to-go for La Gomera!

Because of our roots in Mobile, and the warm hospitality of the south, we were well-accepted and covered widely in various news outlets. This translated to some substantial contributions toward the mission. We are forever grateful for the generosity of our southern family and friends.

As is the way of the nonprofit, our ongoing monthly fundraisers are varied and consistent. In just the past few months, we’ve benefitted from a paddle event in Florida, Beartooth Music Festival in Wyoming, a pancake breakfast in Alabama, and a gaming event in Maryland. For the upcoming months, we have a golf tournament in Colorado, a fishing tournament in Louisiana, a long-gun shoot in Alabama, and another Colorado event that will be equivalent to a “mental wellness fair” where our partners University of Denver and Marcus Institute for Brain Health will be on hand to educate the community of Monument about the services that they provide for Veterans. (If you'd like to hold an outreach fundraiser for us, contact Laurie at admin@usveterow.com)

You'll hear from us again near the start of the race (December 12) when we will remind you of the app you can download for (almost) real time updates on the coordinates/position of the Woobie as she crosses the Atlantic! Please keep these men and their families in your thoughts and wish them well—or should I say “Fair winds and following seas”!

If you wish to place a quote inside the boat as motivation for these men during their crossing, contact us at info@usveterow.com and we’ll make sure it get in there!

From all of us here at Fight Oar Die, thank you.

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