

# VET NET Newsletter

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## **Veterans' Outreach**

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## **Politics, Pandemic, and Pandemonium, OH MY!**

Wow, if you try to figure out and take notice of what our world looks like since last Christmas?!?! Does anyone remember their New Year's resolution? Wow...wrap your head around that one.

I am not going down the list of negative, disheartening, tragic moments so far this year. I have decided to do all I can do to affect people in a positive manner, to leave things better than I found them. I chose this path mostly out of an effort to continue to cope with the new realities. The ANGST is incredible and we need to hang on to something that we can all cheer about.

One common denominator to share is the love and respect that we should all have for our service men and women of this great nation. They have fought, shed their blood, and even died for America. ALL

lives matter.

As MLK said "I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character."

Without our military, there would be no America.

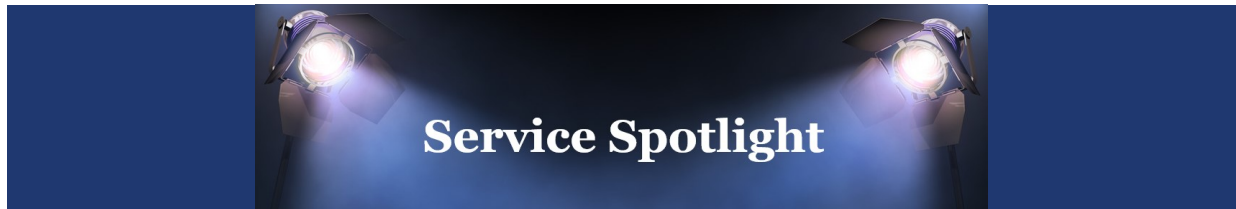


John Ely, President of Veterans' Outreach

## Our Services For Veterans

We've been around for 26 years and helped veterans more than 100,000 times. We are known for our ability to cut through the red tape and directly help veterans in need. We have developed many programs that perform our mission. This includes Direct Aid, Employment Outreach, Heroes' Closet, Serve Veterans Now Food Pantry.

[Read More About Our Services →](#).



## What We Do Every Day

### Youngstown, Ohio

A young veteran with service-related medical issues had moved back to the Youngstown area. Shortly after his move, his mother had a stroke. Things continued to get worse. They had \$0 income and lost their home. They began to live in their car, the disabled veteran, his mother a stroke victim, and a service dog. Then they lost the car and had nowhere to go. A fellow veteran from the VFW came across the young man and set them up for one week at a local hotel. He was referred to us for additional help. We were able to set them up for a second week with a hotel, food, clothing, and a referral to get permanent housing through the HUD VASH program.



### Grayson, Kentucky

Received a call from a Veteran in the Lexington, KY area who was in desperate need of assistance. Our representative was going to be in her area the next day, so he coordinated a food pickup for this Veteran through God's Pantry in Lexington, KY. The office helped her to get her electric back on, worked on employment leads, and ensured she had enough food to last her week to week.

## You Can Help Our Veterans

Please consider a donation. God Bless, Be Safe, Help us to continue to "serve and honor" our veterans! Visit our website, [veteransoutreach.org](http://veteransoutreach.org) or our [Facebook](#) page for further details.

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## Veterans' Outreach Events

### Ohio Corporate Office 5th Annual Golf Scramble

September 11, 2020 @ 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

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### Ohio Corporate Office 6th Annual Poker Run

August 29th, 2020 @ 10:00AM - 5:00PM

\$10 per Person

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## News

### Veterans Affairs Bulletin



VA offers debt relief to Veterans through year's end  
WASHINGTON – The U.S.

### August Military Days



Antiterrorism Awareness Month

Air Force Day **August 1**

Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) today announced its commitment to extend debt relief to Veterans adversely impacted by COVID-19 to the end of 2020 by suspending certain debt collection actions. The department recognizes Veterans and beneficiaries are still being greatly impacted by the coronavirus prompting the extension of financial relief. "Veterans and their families should be focused on their health and safety during the pandemic," said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. [Read More →](#)

Coast Guard Day [August 4](#)

Purple Heart Day [August 7](#)

U.S. Department of Defense Birthday [August 10](#)

Navajo Code Talkers Day [August 14](#)

National Airborne Day [August 16](#)

Marine Corps Reserve Birthday [August 29](#)

## A Moment In History



### Happy 97<sup>th</sup> Birthday Crazy Joe

A Great Milestone for about anyone. Joe Lavinger, A WWII Veteran, was at the Normandy Invasion. He was helping to clear the mines in a mine sweeper called the USS Steady. After the War, he became a comedian and had his own band for 57 years. After that career...he wanted to help the veterans in need. So he joined, Veterans' Outreach, for 2 decades raising funds for the Mission and bringing an awareness to those vets impacted by war! Joe raised a quarter of a million dollars...over 20 years, and his claim to fame, then was receiving donations of \$100 dollar bills from passionate Americans! He has 136 of them to

## U.S. Department of Defense



The **United States Department of Defense** is an executive branch department of the federal government charged with coordinating and supervising all agencies and functions of the government directly related to national security and the United States Armed Forces. The mission of the Department of Defense is to provide a lethal Joint Force to defend the security of our country and sustain American influence abroad. The Department of Defense provides the military forces needed to deter war and ensure our nation's security. America's largest employer with 2.87 million employees.

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his credit!  
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## Heroes' Passage Project

Veterans' Outreach was donated 110 acres of Kentucky wilderness. Plans are underway to develop Heroes' Passage, a healing environment for post 9/11 veterans that are having problems with transitioning to civilian life. Plans include a working farm. The farm would include agricultural elements such as Bees, Berries, Red Spinach, Shitake Mushrooms and Aquaculture.

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## Thank You

Your generosity over the years makes a real difference.  
Your kindness has helped over 100,000 veterans in need.



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