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Merry Christmas

Hey Folks,
Merry Christmas to all ! It has been one "Hell" of a year, God Bless us all, as we continue to try to survive. At this point, we have lost 1/2 as many loved ones as we lost during WWII! The Christmas Cheers will be labored, the Merry Christmas greetings will be muted from our mandated masks, Christmas Carols will be rare and possibly illegal, and large family gatherings will also be illegal or fine-able events. So with all of the wishes I have for you and my fellow AMERICANS...We are LESS if we forget! Like Pearl Harbor..."Lest We Forget!" My dad always said. This Letter was Posted in the Columbus Dispatch and received reads from almost 12,000 folks.

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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 including Direct Aid, Freedom Food Pantry, Heroes' Closet, Outreach, and Serve Veterans Now Food Totes."

[Read More About Our Services →](#)



Service Spotlight

What We Do Every Day

Youngstown, Ohio

A female veteran came to us for immediate help. Her husband had been working in a foreign country, he has been detained from returning due to the perils of the time we live in. The veteran has become homeless due to this situation. She sought help from the VA through the HUD VASH program, and they have been able to find her permanent housing. She needed help with the fee for applying for utilities, she needed food and personal items. We were able to help her with all of those.



Youngstown. Ohio

An agency Caseworker brought our attention to a homeless veteran that was in line to get housing through HUD-VASH, which is a fantastic program administered through the VA. However, it doesn't happen immediately, and this leaves the veteran with an interim period of "What do I do until then, where can I go?" That's where we stepped in for this veteran, we provided a hotel stay until his new home was ready for him.

Grayson, Kentucky

Everyone you meet or talk to is an opportunity for giving. A gentleman donated to Veterans' Outreach brand new full and twin-size beds, box springs, mattresses, linens and pillows. The donation was valued at approximately \$1700.00. The veteran that received this donation was ecstatic, his needs had been met beyond what he ever thought was possible. The veteran, a former P.O.W. and Purple Heart Recipient, received the generous donation and the beds were delivered to him. He and his grandson had not slept in a bed for 4 years.

Heroes' Passage Update

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 Heroes' Passage project has partnered with the head of a local bee association. Our anonymous donor will be providing 10 Hives, the bees and the queen. In addition she is providing bee suits and the accessories needed for tending to the bees. She will be training Veterans' Outreach employees and volunteers on the bee keeping process. We are very grateful for her involvement in this project.

Help A Veteran During The Holidays

We thank all of you that have supported our Mission through your donations, thoughts, and prayers. You made it possible to help tens of thousands of Veterans with financial assistance, food, and clothing. Due to the Pandemic, 90% of our fundraising events have been canceled, your pledge of support is needed now more than ever to stop the suffering.

Will you make a small monthly pledge of \$10 or more? This gift can immediately make a difference for a Veteran in need.



[Join Our Cause Now](#)

You can also call 888-2-VET-NET and speak with Teri Ely to donate.

News

Veterans Affairs Bulletin



Common Challenges During Re-adjustment to Civilian Life
Civilians may not be aware of the unique challenges that separating from military service and returning

December Military Days



Civil Air Patrol (USAF Auxiliary)
Birthday December 1

#GivingTuesday Tuesday after Thanksgiving

National Pearl Harbor

to civilian life can present. Veterans may find difficulty:

- Relating to people who do not know or understand what military personnel have experienced (and many civilians don't know that they don't know!).
- Reconnecting with family and re-establishing a role in the family.
- Families may have created new routines during absences and both the family and the Veteran will have to adjust to changes.

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[Remembrance Day December 7](#)

[U.S. National Guard Birthday
December 13](#)

[National Wreaths Across America
December 14](#)

[Hanukkah Begins December 10,
Ends December 18, 2020](#)

[Christmas Day December 25](#)

[Kwanzaa December 26–January 1](#)

[New Year's Eve Tuesday, December
31](#)

A Moment In History



Pearl Harbor

The Attack on Pearl Harbor was a surprise military strike by the Imperial Japanese Navy Air Service upon the United States against the naval base at Pearl Harbor in Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii, just before 08:00, on Sunday morning, December 7, 1941. The attack killed 2,403 service members and wounded 1,178 more, and sank or destroyed six U.S. ships,. They also destroyed 169 U.S. Navy and Army Air Corps planes. The Japanese losses included 29 aircraft, in addition to five midget submarines, and 129 attackers were killed and one taken prisoner.

Wreaths Across America



Wreaths Across America coordinates wreath-laying ceremonies at more than 2,100 locations across the United States, at sea and abroad.

While coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies each December on National Wreaths Across America Day is a big part of what they do, the mission to Remember, Honor and Teach is carried out throughout the year.

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Amazon will fund a donation to Veterans' Outreach based on a % of all your purchases. A few minutes of your time can help a veteran in need.

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Thank You

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



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