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Introduction

"A veteran is still a veteran, by any other name, just like a ROSE!" I wrote that almost three decades ago when I first started developing and building the organization. I wanted to plant my feet firmly in a mission where every vet was treated equal.

The soldiers that shared a fox hole together didn't care who had their back or what affiliation of faith, race, gender, or political view they had. We need each other! Especially in this nation, the United States of America! Has a nice ring...UNITED!

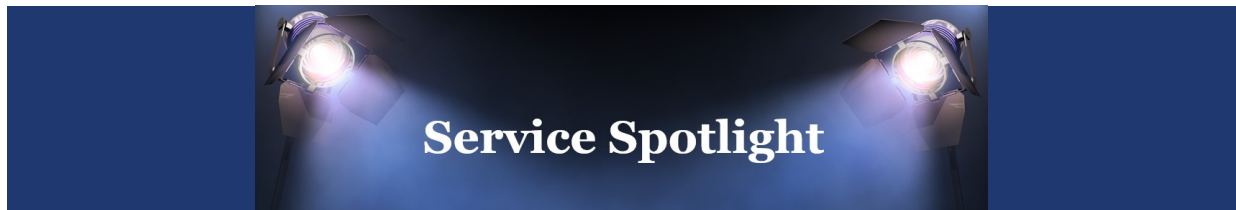
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John Ely, President of Veterans' Outreach

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 →](#)



What We Do Every Day

Youngstown, Ohio

The widow of a recently deceased veteran gave us a call a week or so ago. She let us know that her husband had passed on, and that she had requested donations for Veterans' Outreach in lieu of flowers. She wanted to let us know that she was sending a check. I thanked her, of course. She went on to say that her husband had gotten help from Veterans' Outreach a few times over the last couple of years. They had unexpected medical bills, and were living on a fixed income which is never a good combination. He came to us for help with groceries when he couldn't make ends meet. She said we gave him so much with just a little because he had peace of mind knowing that he could turn to Veterans' Outreach if things got tight.



Sarasota, Florida

Our office was contacted by a veteran with a long history of homelessness. The VA's Hud-Vash program finally furnished him with an apartment from their list but, as is their policy, their assistance is limited to rent and, without income, he has run out of funds. He was particularly eager to avoid having his power shut off which another agency had promised to underwrite but reversed themselves and declined. In desperation, he asked his VA case manager for a suggestion and was given Veterans Outreach – he made the call and we stepped in to guarantee payment, taking the necessary steps. His relief was so palpable that we could hear it over the phone!

Sarasota, Florida

The office was approached by a veteran just released after 3 months, following a transplant. He has many other issues, generated by Agent Orange during the Vietnam conflict – PTSD, bipolar disorder, depression, anxiety and has been 100% disabled since the early '70's. Because of the length of his hospital stay, he has fallen behind on a number of bills, most immediately due is a monthly payment on his truck, without which he is immobilized. We stepped right in to help, just in time for the Thanksgiving holidays.

Adopt A Veteran

"Adopt a Vet" for \$25 a month! That will help a vet with one of those immediate

needs. You can make a difference in a veteran in need's life! Call 888-2-VET-NET and speak with Teri Ely to start.

Heroes' Passage

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.



Help A Veteran For 2021

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.



[Help A Veteran Now](#)

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

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What Veterans need to know about the Coronavirus

There is an online tool from the VA for frequently asked questions (FAQs) for routine or non-urgent questions

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New Year's Day

January 1

Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday

January 18

Presidential Inauguration Day

January 20

A Moment In History



Martin Luther King Jr. Day

A day set aside to celebrate the life and achievements of Martin Luther King Jr., an influential American civil rights leader. Martin Luther King was a social activist and Baptist minister who played a key role in the American civil rights movement from the mid-1950s until his assassination in 1968. King sought equality and human rights for African Americans, the economically disadvantaged and all victims of injustice through peaceful protest.

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K9s for Warriors



K9s For Warriors is ending veteran suicide and returning our Warriors to a life of dignity and independence. They rescue and train shelter dogs to be paired as Service Dogs for Warriors with service-connected Post-Traumatic Stress, Traumatic Brain Injury and/or Military Sexual Trauma. The group helps to end Veteran suicide and provide independence to those who have served in the military. K9s for Warriors matches Veterans with a service dog and guides them through training with their new dog free of charge. Service dogs are scientifically proven to lower symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder, depression, and social

isolation while increasing life satisfaction and overall psychological well-being.
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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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