

VET NET Newsletter

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Serving Veterans in AL, FL, KY, NY, OH & WV

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Introduction

Veteran Dedicated His 80's Helping In-Need-Veterans

Veterans' Outreach of Florida is saying thanks and farewell to **Bob Graham**, the Regional Manager for 10 years. He started his position on his 80th birthday and ended it on his 90th birthday, dedicating his entire Octogenarian years helping veterans. Personally, he is proud to say, that **he has helped over 2,800 fellow veterans with financial assistance needs!** All the while keeping the overhead to an outstanding 17%! A 30% overhead is considered

GREAT for charities. He basically was almost a one-man ARMY...that is the way he liked it...keep the costs down!

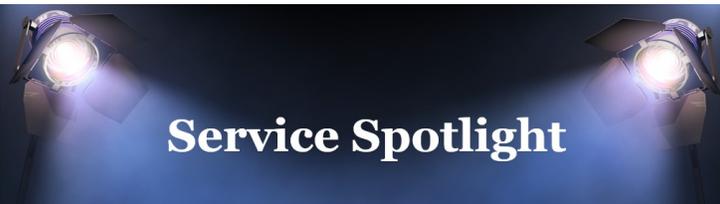
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John Ely, President of Veterans' Outreach



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 Everyday

We had a veteran call stating that he needs some help. He was behind on his utility bill and fixing to become homeless. His only income was SSI, and he was eating out of dumpsters to try to get by. The amount he owed on his utilities was \$95.00. We asked him to send in all his information and we would help with the bill, as well as call the utility company to avoid termination. We provided him with a contact to receive housing from HUD, and gathered him a basket of food, soap, tooth-paste, toothbrush to help him get by.



We had the widow of a veteran who asked for help with her utilities. She came in on Monday and submitted the paperwork, but did not tell us that she was due to be cut off the following day. When we arrived at the office there was a message from her that her lights had been cut off, and she was worried about her food and her

Insulin, as she is a diabetic and it will ruin without refrigeration. We phoned the utility, found out how much it would take to get her reconnected and took a check down to them right away. Her lights were restored that afternoon and she was extremely grateful that her food and medicine was saved.

A veteran was referred to us for help to get back home to North Carolina. He came to our area to attend truck driving school. He completed the training, but after several attempts was unable to pass the test due to poor backup skills. He was done, and needed to go home. He was out of money, and went to another agency to get help. They couldn't help with a bus ticket, so they brought him to us. We purchased a Greyhound ticket for him. He came to us, not knowing what he was going to do. Although the career choice didn't work out, he left us with peace of mind that he could get home.

Winter Can Be A Difficult Time For A Veteran In Need

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.

Virtual Race To Help Veterans

The race event is called "I'm a Nightmare Before A Run 5K". Click on the button below to enter the virtual race and help a veteran.

[Register Now](#)

Winter Coats To Keep Veterans Warm



VETERAN'S WARMING ITEMS DISTRIBUTION

Tuesday, February 16, 2021

10:30am - 2:30pm

7 Belgrade Avenue

Youngstown, Ohio 44505

Veteran's and Immediate Family Members Only.

- Must be present to get items -

Warming Items provided by



Food provided by



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Military Discounts In February

Finding that special Valentines gift on a budget isn't always easy, and sometimes a little creativity is needed along the way. A military discount helps too, so here is a list of Valentine's Day gift ideas that offer up a **military discount** as well.

Valentine's Day is Sunday, February 14th, 2021.

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Black History Month Month of February

Chinese New Year February 12,

Groundhog Day February 2

Four Chaplains Day February 3

USO Birthday February 4

National Salute to Veteran Patients Week of February 14

Valentine's Day February 14

President's Day Third Monday in February

Coast Guard Reserve Birthday February 19

A Moment In History



Four Chaplains Day February 3

When the U.S. Army Transport Dorchester was torpedoed by

National Salute To Veteran Patients



National Salute to Veteran Patients Week of February 14

The purpose is to:

- pay tribute and express appreciation to Veterans;

German submarines on Feb. 3, 1943, four U.S. Army Chaplains offered aid to the hundreds of men aboard the transport ship, sacrificing their own lives as the ship sank.

Lt. George L. Fox, a Methodist minister; Lt. Alexander D. Goode, a Jewish Rabbi; Lt. John P. Washington, a Roman Catholic Priest; and Lt. Clark V. Poling, a Dutch Reformed minister, collectively, are known as the "Four Chaplains".

The Dorchester was carrying 902 servicemen, merchant seamen and civilians on a transport mission across the North Atlantic when it was struck by a German torpedo. The attack punctured the hull and disrupted the ship's electrical system, forcing the crew to evacuate in darkness.

Amid the chaos, the chaplains helped guide the wounded and panicking men to safety. Life jackets were in short supply, and the chaplains removed their own jackets and gave them to others. They helped as many men as possible into the lifeboats, and then linked arms on the ship's deck, singing hymns and prayers as the ship sank into the sea.

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- increase community awareness of the role of the VA medical center;
- encourage citizens to visit hospitalized Veterans and to become involved as volunteers.

The week of February 14 each year is your opportunity to say thank you to a special group of men and women, the more than 9 million Veterans of the U.S. armed services who are cared for in Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical centers, outpatient clinics, and nursing homes. During the National Salute, VA invites individuals, Veterans groups, military personnel, civic organizations, businesses, schools, local media, celebrities and sports stars to participate in a variety of activities at the VA medical centers. The activities and events include special ward visits and valentine distributions; photo opportunities; school essay contests; special recreation activities and Veteran recognition programs.

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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.



Amazon Smiles

You can make donations happen at **NO cost to you** by registering online at Amazon Smiles [site](https://smile.amazon.com) at <https://smile.amazon.com>.

Just search and select **Veterans' Outreach** from Youngstown, Ohio (Corporate Office) as your charity of choice. **Takes 2 minutes.**

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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Your Feedback Is Important To Us

To share news, information and feedback on the newsletter just reply to this email.

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



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