

# Vet Net Newsletter

May, 2020

## Happy Memorial Day!

We honor the memory of service members and their families who have sacrificed to protect the freedom we enjoy.



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### Veterans' Outreach

Serving Veterans in AL, FL, KY, NY, OH & WV  
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## Veterans' Outreach, Commitment to Mission!

Thanks to the careful leadership of our Governors and President, Veterans' Outreach is poised to reopen and we couldn't be happier to get back to our mission of honoring and serving all veterans. Our reopen will begin on May 11, 2020. It will be slow, steady, and mindful of the guidelines established to protect us all from the savage COVID 19 virus.



We've been around for 26 years and helped veterans more than 100,000 times. [Read More About Our Services](#) →

Please consider a donation to enable a great reopening. 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. Join us as a sponsoring member and ensure you receive our newsletter.

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# God Bless America

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## A Beacon of Hope

The time was 1940. America was still in a terrible economic depression. Hitler was taking over Europe and Americans were afraid we would have to go to war. It was a time of hardship and worry for most Americans.

This was the era just before TV when radio shows were huge and American families sat around their radios in the evenings, listening to their favorite entertainers and no entertainer of that era was bigger than Kate Smith.

This video starts out with Kate Smith coming into the radio studio with the orchestra and an audience. She introduces the new song for the very first time and starts singing.



## Service Spotlight

## What We Do Every Day

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**Liberty, Ohio Corporate Office**  
Homeless Veteran's Makeover  
Success!

A homeless veteran was referred to us by a Job and Family Services Caseworker. The Caseworker had been able to help the veteran with

housing and was now seeking employment. The problem was that the veteran had been homeless and his personal grooming and clothing had become tattered.

We were so excited to be able to help this veteran with a good shave and hair cut. Our Heroes' Closet Program helped him with several articles of like-new clothing including a suit that fit him perfectly and pair of Bostonian shoes to go with it.

The Caseworker called us after he saw the "new" appearance and couldn't have been more pleased. Having that makeover improved the veteran's self-concept and he walked with his shoulders back and head up into the interview.



### Hartselle, Alabama office

#### Advocate Helps Veteran with Fresh Start

A Veterans' Outreach team member has become an Advocate for a "Brother" in the service of our country, in a very good way. This Brother Veteran had fallen into homelessness through a series of misfortune, often prodded on by flashbacks from his time in the service.

Our Advocate is helping this Veteran get started in life again. Veterans' Outreach was able to assist with some much needed clothing and food. We will continue to offer support in any we can to help this Veteran achieve a comfortable independent lifestyle.

## Home Free: A Tribute to the American Veteran

Home Free is a collection of music available through Veterans' Outreach that inspires patriotism. It is the perfect playlist for your Memorial Day, 4th of July, Veteran's Day. A tribute to all those that have served. It is not only great to listen during Patriotic Days, but any day when a good shot of patriotism is needed...Like NOW! With already 20,000 sold you are sure to enjoy Home Free.

[Home Free \(MP3 Download\) Veterans' Outreach](#)

## Veterans' Outreach Events

### Ohio Corporate Office Annual Golf Outing

September 11, 2020 @ 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM UTC-5

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# Update 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 CORE facility (Counseling, Offices, Recreation, and Eatery, private cabins for each veteran, working farm, horse stable, Chapel, and tribute garden. We have contacts in place for therapy, job training, and job placement to help each veteran overcome and enjoy a fulfilling life

One part of the working farm is going to be Beekeeping. We have been researching and communicating with the Kentucky Bee Association as part of the planning process.

[Read More About Heroes' Passage →](#)

## News

### Veterans Affairs Bulletin



### Discounts for the Military

**Home Depot** All veterans are eligible for Home Depot's 10% military

discount on Memorial Day with a DoD-issued ID, a DD214 or a Veterans Driver's License. (This discount is good for veterans on July 4th and Veterans Day as well.) LLoowwee"ss offers a military discount that's available online.

### National Military Appreciation Month



National Military Appreciation Month (NMAM is celebrated every May and is a declaration that encourages U.S. citizens to observe the month in a symbol of unity. NMAM honors the current and former members of the U.S. Armed Forces, including those who have died in the pursuit of freedom. In 1999 Senator John McCain introduced legislation to designate the month of May as National Military Appreciation Month.

## Electronics and Gadgets

If you're looking to upgrade your devices, **Apple** offers a military purchase program that allows veterans and active-duty service members to take 10% off eligible products and accessories.

**Under Armour Online Military & Veteran 10% Discount & Free Shipping.** Veterans and active duty service members receive 40% off with a valid TroopID. With a TroopID receive the 10% discount. For a limited time, increased from from 10% to 40%!

## Outback Steakhouse

10% off heroes discount is open to military personnel and their immediate family members plus nurses, doctors, medical staff, servicemen and women, police officers and firefighters, with corresponding medical, state or federal service ID.

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## A Moment In History



The Mission of a Pearl Harbor Survivor's Son!  
To Tell the Story...  
Through My Father: A Pearl Harbor Survivor

The month of May is characterized by six national observances which highlight the contributions of those who have served.

## Victory in Europe Day AKA V-E Day or VE Day

Date: Friday, May 8th, 2020 About: May 8th, 1945 is the day when Germans throughout Europe unconditionally surrendered to the Allies. This day marked the end of World War II in Europe.

## Armed Forces Day

Date: Saturday, May 16th, 2020.

Celebrated the third Saturday in May every year.

About: A single holiday for citizens to come together and thank our military members for their patriotic service in support of our country. From Military Benefits.

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## The American Legion



## **The Mission of a Pearl Harbor Survivor's Son! To Tell the Story... Through My Father: A Pearl Harbor Survivor**

From John Ely, President of Veterans' Outreach

William Gordon Ely was my father and I am proud to be his son and share his story. He was born in Gallipolis, Ohio where he worked on the family farm when he was just eight years old...even driving tractor! One day he was on a bicycle riding on a country road when a couple of men waived him down in their Model T! The men introduced themselves as Mr. Ford and Mr. Firestone! They were lost and asked for directions to Columbus! William (Bill) didn't know who the men were until later. He was born with a photographic memory and recalled that they were dressed pretty nice!

Dad's brush with history didn't stop there. He later fared the DEPRESSION with his family, though he lost his big brother John to a drowning accident, he joined the service at 17...lying about his age! His path intertwined with many historical persons.

He was finally stationed at Pearl Harbor after touring the South Pacific and wrote to his Mom that he found paradise.

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The American Legion was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization devoted to mutual helpfulness. It is the nation's largest wartime veterans service organization, committed to mentoring youth and sponsorship of wholesome programs in our communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting strong national security, and continued devotion to our fellow servicemembers and veterans.

Hundreds of local American Legion programs and activities strengthen the nation one community at a time. The Operation Comfort Warriors program supports recovering wounded warriors and their families, providing them with "comfort items" and the kind of support that makes a hospital feel a little bit more like home. The Legion also raises millions of dollars in donations at the local, state and national levels to help veterans and their families during times of need and to provide college scholarship opportunities. From the American Legion.

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## Thank You From Veterans' Outreach

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



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