

# VET NET Newsletter

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## **Veterans' Outreach**

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

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## Introduction

### "Color" Blind

Racism should be talked about where it exists and confront it for what it is - WRONG! The Military had their hands full in the 60's and 70's, for it was bold and alive. You think Woodstock might have made it less of an issue with their "Love Power"!

Veterans' Outreach has helped well over 100,000 vets. We are color blind when it

comes to Veterans. We've used a line from Shakespeare and amended it fit our mindset: "A Rose is still a Rose by any other name, just like our Veterans!"

So, as our much anticipated start of spring rounds the corner, HOPE abounds. As the roses bloom, please remember our veterans and what they did for all of us. They allowed us to have these conversations and new and joyful beginnings.

God Bless our Nation and all of our veterans that protected it!

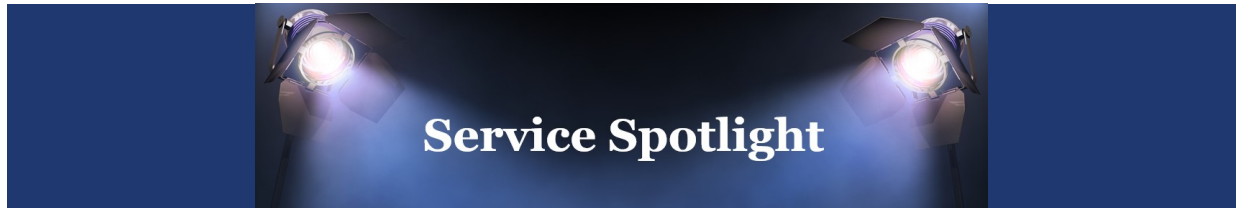
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John Ely, President of Veterans' Outreach

## 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

A local veteran visited our office, seeking whatever assistance we could provide. He was under treatment for severe PTSD, and his wife has just left him. His wife took all of his funds and left him with less than \$25 in cash and his car. He told us that he falls asleep for a couple of hours, then awakens every night because of nightmares of the Iraq battles he had lived through. His mood swings had cost him whatever jobs he had managed to get. He had insufficient money to buy food and get gas to continue his job search and therapy. We helped him with food and gas purchasing to get him back on his feet and to the PTSD treatments.



We were contacted by a veteran, who is a single mother with two children, a 2-year-old and 5-year-old. She discovered Veterans' Outreach by dialing 211. She was 100% disabled and had no credit background. She was charged a very high startup fee by her utility company. She had suffered from PTSD and was a victim of Military Sexual Trauma. She had difficulty managing the large utility payment and was two months behind on her bill. We immediately covered as much as we could and also referred her to other veteran support services.

## 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.

## Corporate Office

### Behind the Scenes at Veterans' Outreach

Teri Ely  
Executive Director



I have been involved with Veterans' Outreach since it began, I know that admission lets you know that I am not 20 something years old since Veterans' Outreach is 27 years old this year. I have been the Executive Director for more than 20 years now. I wear "many hats" and I keep "many plates" spinning in my job. It is so much more than a job, it's a lifetime mission - to respectfully serve and honor all Veterans. Our team at Veterans' Outreach is cohesive, supportive, upbeat, and we all work together to achieve our mission. **Each and every member of our team has an important role in all of Veterans' Outreach achievements.** This team has helped tens of thousands of Veterans and at all times has preserved the Veteran's dignity and respect.

I am grateful, we are grateful for all those that have contributed to our mission through donations and/or volunteerism. We look to the future, a time of growth and expansion when our "footprint" extends to a greater outreach to Veterans in need.

I invite you to become part of Veterans' Outreach; visit our website, [veteransoutreach.org](http://veteransoutreach.org) or Facebook page, become a supporting member, join our team, we welcome you.



**Robert Julian**  
Vice-President, Treasurer, Program Service Director

**Coming Next Issue...A Review from the Program Service Director helping veterans from the trenches!**

## News

### Veterans Affairs Bulletin

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#### **VA reaches milestone vaccinating its 1 millionth Veteran**

WASHINGTON — The Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) Veterans Health Administration vaccinated its 1 millionth Veteran with their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. Second doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine are given 21 days after the first and second doses of the Moderna vaccine are given 28 days after the first dose — with second doses completing the full course of the vaccination. VA began COVID-19 immunizations in December 2020. To date, VA has vaccinated 329,685 Veterans with a second dose.

VA's **COVID-19 National Summary** publishes vaccination data daily on Veterans including information on employee and federal partner vaccinations. For those reviewing the site, when an individual receives both doses from VA, they have completed their vaccine course; therefore, "second

### March Important Dates

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**Women's History Month**  
Month of March

**Navy Reserve Birthday**  
March 3

**Hug a GI Day** March 4

**Mardi Gras** March 5

**Seabee Birthday** March 5

**Daylight Saving Time Begins**  
March 14, 2021

**K 9 Veterans Day**  
March 13

**American Legion Birthday**  
March 15

**St. Patrick's Day** March 17

**Rosie The Riveter Day** March 21

**Medal of Honor Day** March 25

**Passover**  
March 27 to April 4, 2021

dose” and “completed” are synonymous. supply.”

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## A Moment In History

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### American Legion Birthday Day

March 15, the designated birthday of The American Legion, is the day in 1919 when the first American Legion caucus, held by members of the American Expeditionary Force, convened in Paris. Much as the birthday of the United States is celebrated on July 4 – for the day in 1776 when revolting patriots declared the independence of the British colonies and the spirit of America was born – March 15 is the date on which the Legion came to life.

Each year, Legion posts across the country hold events – public, private or both – to commemorate this anniversary. A guideline speech has been drafted by the Legion’s Media and Communications staff as a way for Legionnaires to emphasize what the Legion represents, both to themselves and to the community at large.

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National Vietnam War Veterans Day  
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## National Vietnam War Veterans Day

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**National Vietnam War Veterans Day** is observed every year on March 29 and is a way to thank and honor our nation’s Vietnam veterans and their families for their service and sacrifice. There are 5 objectives with Vietnam Commemoration and the other four are:

- Highlight the service of our Armed Forces and support organizations during the war
- Pay tribute to wartime contributions at home by American citizens
- Highlight technology, science and medical advances made during the war
- Recognize contributions by our Allies

National Vietnam War Veterans Day will be observed on Monday, March 29, 2021.

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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 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.

[Register Now](#)

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



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