

VET NET Newsletter

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Introduction

Life: One to a customer!

You know, all of us have one. A life...your life, a God Given Life!

There are several men in my family that have served our country in the military and I am so proud of them, from WWI to the current day conflicts. **The draft ended in 1973, all those serving since then are volunteers, guardians of our freedoms.** One percent of our population have set their lives aside, offering everything for other Americans welfare! That is PATRIOTISM! Some gave all, all gave some.

At this time of year, some of us celebrate new life through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Some of us celebrate the seasonal changes of new growth and sunshine. Where ever you are at in your life, appreciate every day you have. Ponder on good things, put aside negativity. We thank the Good Lord for those days and in no small way, to our service men and women!

Life is precious and fragile...so treat it that way. **When you see one of our guardians about, give them a hardy Thank you for their service in protecting your life and your families!**

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John Ely, President of Veterans' Outreach

Our Services For Veterans

Over the last 27 years, we have helped veterans more than 100,000 times. Our motto is to "respectfully serve and honor all veterans".

We have developed programs that perform our mission to help veterans that include the **Direct Aid Program**, the **Outreach Program**, the **Heroes' Closet Program**, and the **Freedom Food Pantry Program**.

Read More About Our Services →



Service Spotlight

What We Do Everyday

A blind disabled veteran was in a situation where he was near homeless. A partnering agency was able to step up to help with the security deposit. We were able to pay his rent and he was able to move in immediately. It's a great feeling when things come together so quickly and completely for a veteran in urgent distress.



A caseworker called at the end of the day and asked if we can help pay the phone bill for a homeless veteran that needed to keep in contact with the VA for his for medical and housing appointments. The caseworker thanked us after we paid the phone bill and told us that we were the only agency that would take the time at the end of the day to provide this service for this veteran. We are very happy to be able to give this veteran the lifeline he desperately needed to better his life. We were also able to provide him fresh food from our Freedom Food Pantry and clothing from our Heroes' Closet. As we always

say, every day is Veterans' Day at Veterans' Outreach!

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. Your pledge of support is needed to continue our mission to serve and honor all veterans.

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



My office has the view of the parking lot at our corporate office north of Youngstown in Liberty Township Ohio. I see so much through the day that energizes me to do better, to do more, to do the absolute best that I can for Veterans' Outreach. I see dozens of veterans every day coming here for help. Some driving, some on scooters, some with walkers getting off a bus, some on a medical bus, some walking with an empty shopping cart that needs filled. They are in need and we are here to help.

But how do we do it? Sometimes it seems a daunting task. One of our most important resources is volunteerism. We have volunteers that have been helping out for many years. Each and every week they give their time, talents, and yes even their money to keep things in motion for our mission.

Recently, a very talented local man named Jimmy Valentini passed on and is dearly missed. Jimmy volunteered his time and talents for Veterans' Outreach for many years. He developed marketing materials that we use everyday and was always

asking what more did we need him to do. He taught people a lot through his approach at life - smile, be genuine, make eye contact, take time to talk with each other, work hard, and follow your passions.

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

News

Veterans Affairs Bulletin



A suicide prevention tool puts lifesaving information in R.E.A.C.H

WASHINGTON — The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) released a mobile app, March 18, that offers step-by-step guidance for those who are trying to support someone they care about and for those who are concerned about their own emotional wellbeing.

Developed by the **PREVENTS** Office, the **How We R.E.A.C.H. Coaching Tool** includes five actions to take when REACHing out to someone in need or when you are REACHing out for help for yourself. It provides additional resource information and suggested language to use when starting what are often very difficult conversations.

When we REACH to those in need, we:

R – Reach out and ask, “How are you...really?” Listen and offer hope.

E – Engage them about possible

April Important Dates



Month of the Military Child
Month of April

Military Saves Month
Month of April

April Fool's Day
April 1

Good Friday
April 2

Easter
April 4

Gold Star Spouses Day
April 5

National Former POW Recognition Day
April 9

Air Force Reserve Birthday
April 14

Ramadan
April 12 (begins), May 11 (ends),
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risk factors and changes in their life to better understand their pain.
A – Attend to their safety. Unless you are concerned about your safety, stay with them.
C – Connect them to resources such as supportive friends and family, professionals or a crisis line.
H – Help them make and maintain a plan to stay safe. Encourage them to share it with others.

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Purple Up! Day

April 15

Earth Day

April 22

Army Reserve Birthday

April 23

National Military Brats Day

April 30

A Moment In History



National POW/MIA Recognition Day, is just as important. The word "former" is the key to remembering the major difference between these two events honored every year on their respective days. The late Senator John McCain is a former POW; his memory and the memories of many others who came home from POW camps are on the minds of those who observe both holidays. And there are troops still unaccounted for to this day who should be remembered in the same manner as those who came home.

National Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day will be observed on Friday, April 9, 2021.

"On National Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day, we honor the more than 500,000 American warriors captured while protecting our way of life. We pay tribute to these patriots for their unwavering and unrelenting spirit.

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Month Of Military Child



Each year, April is set aside as a military child appreciation month, officially known as the Month of the Military Child. With its start in the mid-1980s, the Pentagon and other military support organizations and agencies use the month to recognize military kids for their sacrifice and bravery on the home front.

The term "military brat" is a badge of pride worn by generations of kids who traveled the world with their parents, moving into adulthood with the knowledge that they have the strength to handle anything. Military children deal with separations, deployments, frequent moves and even their parents' injuries as part of the life they were born into or entered with their families.

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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.



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



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