

# VET NET Newsletter

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### **Veterans' Outreach**

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

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## Introduction

### **A WEEK TO REMEMBER, REFLECT, AND REJOICE**

I attended my big brother's funeral recently, Richard (Dick) LaMont Ely of Centerburg, Ohio. He worked with the 1st Cavalry, Navy Seals, and 82nd Airborne Division. Dick was a hell of a track star and boxer before he joined the Army's Signal Corp. He was nicknamed "Sluggo".

He was my biggest inspiration for Veterans' Outreach mission. Out of his unspoken words and the fact that he rarely smiled, he shared his perspective and the hurt that dwelled within him. Although he was blessed with a loving wife and family, he was

tortured from those early years of his life that he gave to our nation. He was shamed for his service in Vietnam. My father (a Pearl Harbor Survivor) and my brother both suffered with PTSD, which has been with me all my life and drives me to help veterans all across our great nation.

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John Ely, President of Veterans' Outreach

## Agent Orange Awareness Day

The Vietnam War may be over, but the battle continues for many Vietnam veterans. Nearly 3 million service members served in Vietnam and most returned home. But since then, thousands of Vietnam veterans have fought illnesses related to Agent Orange exposure. This deadly toxin has impacted the lives of thousands of veterans and their families but is largely unknown to most Americans.



## 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**.

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# What We Do Everyday

## Case Stories

- This veteran came to us a few years back, homeless, staying at a local shelter. He has transitioned from homelessness to living on his own and now will be furthering his education to better himself. He offered to help us as we were unloading a truck of food for our Freedom Food Pantry. He was proud to talk about his upcoming entrance to the local university's



- school of business. We were taken back by his encouraging statements of gratitude to Veterans' Outreach. He said that we helped him through the most difficult times in his life by providing food and helping him overcome urgent financial problems. He said "This is a safe place".
- A veteran had to quit his job because of a heart condition. His doctor told him he may need open heart surgery or a transplant. This happened very suddenly, the job loss has been devastating. The utility providers were threatening a shut off. Veterans' Outreach was able to negotiate with the utility providers and get a manageable solution, and made some of his payments.
- Veterans Outreach joined together with other organizations to help a disabled veteran that needed a ramp built at his home. We were recently visited by a group of several men representing local veterans groups including the DAV, American Legion, VFW, and AMVETS. They came to our office to seek a financial commitment to the cause. We are pleased that these organizations sought us out to join in the mission. Veterans' Outreach was able to write a check right then to pay for a large portion of the project.

## Donate Now

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.

## News



### 9 Things Every America Should Know About The Navajo Code Talkers

How much do you know about these brave men? Let's take a closer look at the veterans and their accomplishments and honor their part in WWII:

1. While the Navajo Code Talkers are most famous from World War II, the military used indigenous language as a means for code during World War I. Then, members of the Choctaw nation wrote and transcribed messages to help the war effort after their commanding officers overheard them speaking Choctaw. France bestowed the entire Choctaw Nation the Chevalier de



**Antiterrorism Awareness Month**  
Month of August

**Air Force Day**  
August 1

**Coast Guard Day**  
August 4

**Purple Heart Day**  
August 7

**U.S. Department of Defense Birthday**  
August 10

**Agent Orange Awareness Day**  
August 10

**Navajo Code Talkers Day**  
August 14

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gratitude for the vital work the men  
did.

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**National Airborne Day**  
August 16

**Marine Corps Reserve Birthday**  
August 29

## Upcoming Events

# 4<sup>th</sup> Annual CVMA® 12-6 Honor Flight Poker Run



★ **Saturday August 21<sup>st</sup>** ★

**Byesville Ohio VFW Post 3760**

10335 Jackson St, Byesville, OH 43723

Registration 0900 – 1100 (VFW Auxiliary Breakfast available for a fee)

KSU @ 1100

Last Bike in by 4pm

Cost: \$20 Rider / \$10 Passenger

Online Registration available @CVMA12-6.com (First 50 bikes to register online receive a gift)

Free Chicken Dinners for all participants (food starts at 3pm)



**Silent Auction**



## DJ spinning from 3-7



**Meet & Greet – Friday August 20<sup>th</sup>**

Tiki Lounge at The Southgate Hotel – All are welcome!

Starts at 7pm – Pizza (while it lasts) and DJ provided – Come join us for some fun!

Discounted rooms are available for \$50 per night – mention “CVMA®” and reserve today!

All proceeds benefit The Honor Flight Network, Veteran Outreach, Disabled Veteran Outdoors and CVMA® Chapter 12-6 a 501c3 supporting Veteran’s charities.

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# VETERANS' OUTREACH

## 6th Annual GOLF Scramble

### FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 10, 2021

9:00 AM SHOTGUN START

### Mahoning Country Club

710 East Liberty Street • Girard, Ohio 44420

18 Holes & a Cart • Skins Game • 50/50 Drawing • Mulligans • Basket Raffle • Longest Drive  
Closest to the Pin • Donuts & Coffee in the AM • Beverage Cart on the Course  
Hot Dogs & Chips on the Turn • Beverages • Dinner Buffet

**DISCOUNT RATE: \$55 Per Person or \$220 Per Team**  
**After August 27th: \$60 Per Person or \$240 Per Team**  
**Meal Only: \$20.00 per person**

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## Heroes' Passage in Kentucky

Veterans' Outreach was donated 110 acres of Kentucky wilderness. Plans are underway for the development of Heroes' Passage, a veteran retreat with a healing environment for veterans that are having problems with transitioning to civilian life.



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



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