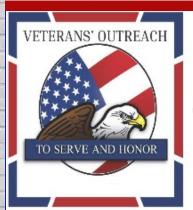
#### **VET NET Newsletter**

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## SEPTEMBER 11, 2001





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#### **Veterans' Outreach**

Serving Veterans in AL, FL, KY, NY, OH & WV veteransoutreach.org 888-2-VET-NET



#### To Hell and Back

Afghanistan! The heartbreak of all that is unfolding there is especially unyielding with the deaths of those 13 brave soldiers. Sons and daughters that believed in the mission and obeyed their orders while evacuating fellow Americans and others. They were AMBUSHED while engaged in a humanitarian endeavor and gave the ULTIMATE sacrifice. Our sympathies are strong and passionate for the families left behind. The hopes and dreams those young people had will never be realized. How does a family deal with that? Read More →

John Ely

**President Veterans' Outreach** 

#### 9/11 Patriot Day

On September 11, 2001 al-Qaeda launched a series of coordinated terrorist attacks upon the United States, killing 2,977 people. A year later, September 11 was made a national day of mourning referred to as Patriot Day.

A moment of silence is traditionally observed beginning at 8:46 a.m. (Eastern Daylight Time), the time the first plane, American Airlines Flight 11, struck the North Tower of the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. Many organizations and establishments hold memorial ceremonies to honor the victims of 9/11.

In 2009, President Barack Obama rededicated it as **Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance**. On Patriot Day, the national flag is flown at half-mast on all United States government buildings and establishments. Individuals are also encouraged to display flags on their homes. **Volunteer and service opportunities are coordinated by the Corporation for National and Community Service**.

If you have Netflix,\_a new documentary <u>"Turning Point: 9/11 and the War on Terror"</u> has been released that provides a comprehensive look at 9/11 and events proceeding and after the day that changed America.

#### **National Suicide Prevention Month**



I'm Good. But are you ready to listen?





## VA S.A.V.E. Training Supporting Our Veterans

#### What is VA S.A.V.E. Training?

VA S.A.V.E. Training will help you act with care and compassion if you encounter a Veteran who is in crisis or experiencing suicidal thoughts. The acronym S.A.V.E. helps you remember the important steps involved in suicide prevention:

- Signs of suicidal thinking should be recognized
- Ask the most important question of all —
  "Are you thinking of killing yourself?"
- Validate the Veteran's experience
- Encourage treatment and Expedite getting help

You can prevent Veteran suicide.
Start by learning the VA S.A.V.E. acronym.

Supporting our Veterans

You can support a Veteran through a crisis. Keep these tips in mind when talking with a Veteran who may be at risk for suicide:

- · Remain calm
- · Listen more than you speak
- · Maintain eye contact
- Act with confidence
- Do not argue
- Use open body language
- Limit questions Let the Veteran do the talking
- Use supportive, encouraging comments
- Be honest There are no quick solutions, but help is available

#### **Additional Resources**

VA Mental Health Services: Get information about inpatient and outpatient services available through VA at www.mentalhealth.va.gov.

Online Resource Locator: Find VA facilities, Vet Centers, suicide prevention coordinators, and other VA resources at www.VeteransCrisisLine.net/ResourceLocator.

Make the Connection: Veterans and their loved ones can find out how to connect with VA resources at www.MakeTheConnection.net.

Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Program: Locate the VA PTSD program nearest you at www.ptsd.va.gov.



Confidential chat at
VeteransCrisisLine.net or text 838255

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Click Here For The Complete S.A.V.E Training

#### **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 →

### What We Do Everyday Case Stories

A disabled vet living alone with several medical problems did not have a working phone. Veterans' Outreach purchased a phone and minutes for him immediately. This veteran has issues that require him to be able to stay in touch with his health care providers. A Veterans' Outreach employee set up and activated the



phone, the veteran left our building with a renewed sense of security.

A veteran came to our office in need of his medication. He had called the VA and was told it would take two weeks to get his medication. He was very concerned about what he would do in the meantime. He was completely out of meds for his life-threatening conditions. Our Services Director called the VA to explain the serious nature of the problem. The VA agreed to overnight the meds. Veterans' Outreach was able to secure a script for the one day he now needed and purchase those meds for him immediately.

#### **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

#### NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY

September 17



In the United States, the third Friday in September honors National POW/MIA Recognition Day Each year since 1989, a presidential proclamation brings the nation together to remember and honor the members of the Armed Forces who remain missing in action or are prisoners of war. The day serves as a call to action, reminding the nation to rededicate our efforts. We're responsible for bringing our patriots home and for caring for our military families awaiting word of their loved ones.

The POW/MIA Flag is flown this day

#### SEPTEMBER CALENDER



National Suicide Prevention Month Month of September

National Service Dog Month Month of September

Labor Day First Monday of September

V-J Day (Victory over Japan) September 2

Patriot Day September 11

Constitution Week September 17 -23 over significant national landmarks and government buildings across the country. Not only do the Capitol, the White House, and the Korean and Vietnam Veterans Memorials fly the flag, but so do the offices of the secretaries of State, Defense and Veterans Affairs, and of the Selective Service System. Additionally, the POW/MIA Flay flies on the grounds or in the lobbies of every major military installation, post office, and all VA Medical Centers and national cemeteries.

Read More →

Hispanic Heritage Month September 15 – October 15

Air Force (USAF) Birthday September 18

Office of the Sec. of Defense Birthday September 18

Air National Guard Birthday September 18

National POW/MIA Recognition Day September 17

Gold Star Mother's Day Last Sunday in September

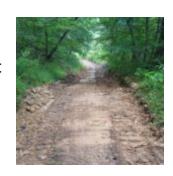
Warrior Games September 12 - 22

VFW Day September 29

#### Heroes' Passage Kentucky Veterans Retreat

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.





#### **Upcoming Ohio Events**



# th 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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2021 Trumbull County Homeless Veteran Stand Down Day
Thursday, September 16, 2021
at Moose Lodge Pavilion
674 Main Ave SW; Warren, Ohio 44483
9 am - 3 pm

Veterans must bring dog tags, military discharge, or VA ID, along with photo ID

Services Available: Haircuts, Comfort items, Clothing, Access to VA Health Care, Veteran Services, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Counseling, Employment, Housing, Breakfast, Lunch, and Camaraderie with fellow veterans.

#### Giving Homeless & At-Risk Veterans a Hand Up, Not a Hand Out

Stand Down day is open to any homeless veteran or at-risk veteran in need of assistance.

Sponsored by Trumbull County At Risk Veterans Inc,
Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary #11
And Veterans of Foreign War Auxiliary 1090



#### **VETERAN STAND DOWN**





🔭 Information and Personal Item 🤺 **Giveaway** 



#### Where

**Community Action Agency of Columbiana County** 7860 Lincole Pl. Lisbon, OH 44432 (Backside of Building)

> When **Tuesday October 26, 2021**

> > **Time** 9:00am-11:00am

\*PLEASE BRING A PHOTO ID AND PROOF OF VETERAN STATUS\*

\* Services will be limited to Veterans ONLY \*

\* Limited drop off service available, please contact for additional information \*

\* 330-424-4013 \*

# LAURA DUNLOP'S SUMMIT COUNTY STANDDOWN

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

This event is designed for armed forces veterans that are homeless or in a financial hardship.

Attendance is by reservation only. To register, go to www.vscsummitoh.us. Registration deadline is Friday, August 13th 2021

For questions or assistance in registration, call 330.643.2830 or stop in

This event will be held 9:00 am - 3:00 pm at Summit County Veterans Service Commission, 1060 E Waterloo Rd. Akron, OH 44306



Our brothers and sisters in Leather from **The American Legion Riders**, **Post 472** presented us with a \$4,000 check to help their fellow veterans! 5th year in a row! We are very Blessed. We also had two more groups that did rides for Veterans' Outreach this summer!

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



#### Veterans' Outreach



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