## VET NET Newsletter July, 2022





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## **Veterans' Outreach**

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





## "If I Can Dream"

I believe we all have dreams...certain things that we want in life, maybe, for ourselves or for someone else. How many of us wish that they had a MILLION dollars? That would solve everything, right? Wrong!

Many come into riches only to blow it away, often accompanied by despair, heartache, and worse. Choices in life have consequences, and our lives are determined by our choices. However, it isn't that simple, sometimes the choices we make are under duress or influences outside of our understanding.

I experienced the homeless plight, firsthand, while visiting San Francisco many years ago. That visit changed my life. What stunned me was many were veterans! It was unthinkable that our Nation's Heroes were left to rot by the trolley tracks. The more I looked, the more I saw; homelessness was and is a big problem. I called the mayor and wanted to ask how that this could happen? No resources, I was told, to devote to that problem. The only action that was explained to me was that

the city kept track on how they were found deceased!

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John Ely, President of Veterans' Outreach

## National Hire A Veteran Day



## Free Workshops to Help Veterans Meet Employment Goals

The Department of Labor Veterans' Employment and Training Service (DOL VETS) has a new pilot program to help Veterans and their spouses take control of their careers.

What is Off-Base Transition Training?

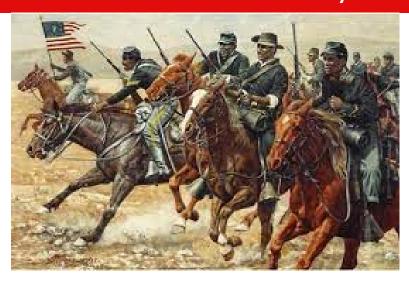
The Off-Base Transition Training (OBTT) pilot program consists of 10 two-hour nocost workshops designed to help meet Veteran employment goals and give participants an advantage in the vast workforce landscape.

OBTT workshops are available as in-person or virtual offerings nationwide in the following metropolitan areas:

- Los Angeles and San Diego, California;
- Boston, Massachusetts;
- Fayetteville and Raleigh, North Carolina;
- Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania;
- Dallas/Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio, Texas

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## **National Buffalo Soldiers Day**



National Buffalo Soldiers Day, the holiday celebrating the contributions of some of

the earliest African-American troops in the United States military.

These troops served on the Western frontier after the Civil War. They served in a variety of ways including security, law enforcement, and other frontier-specific activities. In 1866, Congress passed legislation known as the Army Organization Act, which formalized the creation of six all-Black U.S. Cavalry and infantry units. Over 180,000 African American men made up six regiments and fought for the Union.

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## National Veterans Outdoors Resource HUB





US Vet Connect Inc's National Veterans Outdoors Resource HUB is a 100% free awareness platform. Free to the charities & Free to the veterans finding their next adventure. The organization is bridging the gap between veterans and the outdoors. By providing a place to come together to find that military comradery in outdoor experiences. The mission of US Vet Connect.com is simple: it is to raise awareness for organizations that have a direct impact on veterans' lives and to make it as user friendly as possible for the veterans to find their next adventure.

Get Connected & Find Out All The Adventures Available Nationwide →

Examples of two opportunities in Ohio.

#### **Ohio Disabled Veterans Outdoors**

Activities: equine, hunting, fishing, boating, camping, utv/atv riding. It is all free toe Veterans. Information and Calendar of Events →

#### Ohio Finally Home Farm

Non-profit public charity dedicated to healing our mentally wounded warriors

through Equine Assisted therapies, equine experiences and equine assisted learning. They Serve active military and military veterans, plus police, fire and EMS warriors. It is Free for any of their therapy sessions or activities

Information and Programs →

## **Our Programs For Veterans**

Over the last 28 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

#### Veteran Suffering From PTSD

A young Army veteran recently discharged didn't transition well from military to civilian life. He suffers from PTSD and found himself with broken relationships and unable to keep a job which then led to homelessness, often sleeping under a bridge. He was referred to our organization from Family Services. We immediately provided him shelter, food, clothing, and bus passes. He came back several times for additional supplies while he was getting his life together. Our Services Director, Bob Julian, worked with Family Services to get him counseling which has helped him manage the PTSD. In the meantime, he has been able to apply for jobs and now he has a very good chance of securing employment.

#### "God Chasers" Ride for Veterans

July 4, 2022, A small group rallied to help veterans overcome hunger. The cost to ride in this event was canned goods for veterans. Thanks to God Chasers' Rev. McNeal, the riders, and Five Branches Smokehouse veterans received some good food to take home. Food insecurity among veterans has been on the rise, especially now for those living on a fixed income and fighting inflation. Every donation is appreciated and makes a difference in a veteran's daily life.

## **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.

## **Amazon Smiles**

You can make donations happen at NO cost to you while shopping on Amazon. Just register 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.

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## News



98 Year Old Irish Woman Who Helped In D-Day Was Honoured By The US

In the early morning of June 3rd, 1944, Maureen Flavin (21) dispatched a weather report from Blacksod, Co Mayo, that would



change the course of the second World War. The barometer at the remote weather station showed pressure was dropping rapidly, indicating a major Atlantic storm was due to arrive and blow right across western Europe. Based on Ms Flavin's readings, US general Dwight D Eisenhower postponed the D-Day landing by 24 hours.

The 98-year-old, now Maureen Flavin Sweeney, was awarded a special US House of Representatives honour for her part in the war. Her role was recognised at a ceremony held at Tí Aire nursing home in Belmullet, Co Mayo, where she now lives. Congressman Jack Bergman, who is the highest ranking veteran to serve in Congress, wrote on June 6th, the 77th anniversary of the D-Day landing, that he was "honoured to recognise the service of Maureen Flavin Sweeney".

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National Hire A Veteran Day July 25

July 4

National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day July 27

National Buffalo Soldiers Day July 28

**Army Chaplain Corps Anniversary** July 29

## **Events**



Information | Connections | Food Trucks | Family Fun



## WE ARE INVITING U.S. VETERANS TO PARTICIPATE IN AN ONLINE RESEARCH STUDY



Study purpose: to examine dog types & their impact on Veterans' health & well being

#### Inclusion criteria:

- US Military Veteran 18
- . and older
- Have a Service Dog, Emotional Support Dog, or a Companion dog Have access to Internet

Compensation up to \$100

Time commitment: three 1- hour sessions over 12 months

For more Information contact:

Research Assistant cpaww@health.fau.edu

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Ways to get started:



## Click here:



Scan the QR code with your phone camera



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July 23rd, 2022 Veterans' Outreach Golf Scramble



\$10 Pre-Registration \$15 at the Gate

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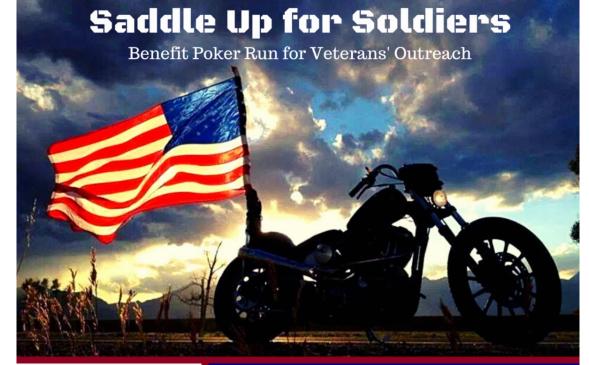






Questions Randy 330-428-2083

July 30th, 2022 Saddle Up For Soldiers







When: Saturday, July 30, 2022

Where: American Legion Post 472 323 Indianola Ave., Youngstown, OH 44507

Registration begins at 10am Kickstands up at Noon!

Cost: \$15 Rider \$5 Passenger \$10 Non-Rider

AL Post 472: (330) 788-8753 Bill Venneri: (330) 550-0872 Jeff Hoffman: (330) 921-9325

All proceeds go to Veterans' Outreach and their veteran services

September 9th, 2022 Veterans' Outreach Golf Scramble



# 7th Annual GOLF Scramble FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 9, 2022

9:00 AM SHOTGUN START Bedford Trails Golf Course, 713 Bedford Road, Lowellville, OH 44436

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: \$65 Per Person or \$260 Per Team AFTER JULY 30TH: \$70 Per Person or \$280 Per Team Meal Only: \$20.00 per person

TEAM	Captain, Phone, Address			
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	PLEASE SPONSOR OUR EVENT			
	The money raised will be used to help local veterans in need.			
\$100				

Enter name wanted on hole sign.

\$500

Enter name for banner. This level includes banner at welcome area, hole sponsor, sign, free foursome, media coverage, catered dinner, snacks and drinks.

Send Application with payment to:

Veterans' Outreach • 7 Belgrade Avenue • Youngstown, Ohio 44505 For Additional Information Call: 330.755.5792 Ext. 5

## **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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