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WWII Veteran Celebrates Epic 99th Birthday





Joe Lavinger from Bethlehem, PA was born on Wednesday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 1923. Some of the things that were happening at that time changed our lives forever.

- Greece becomes the last European country to adopt A Gregorian calendar.
- Time magazine is published.
- Firestone Tire and Rubber begins production of balloon tires.
- Insulin becomes available for diabetes.
- Yankee Stadium opens.
- The first 24 hours of La Mans was held.
- Checker taxi cabs were put on the street.
- The Hollywood sign was dedicated.
- The first US airship took flight (the USS Shenandoah).
- Walt Disney Co. was founded by Walt Disney.
- Turkey becomes a Republic.
- Hitler's rise to power when he attempted to seize power from Germany.

This coup is known as the Beer Hall Putzsch", which failed. Joe would be meeting Hitler's force about 18 years later.

- Indoor plumbing.
- Electricity.
- Telephones.
- Automobiles.
- Radio.
- Television.

Today, we can't imagine life without all the inventions that have happened during Joe's lifetime. Joe made it through, as a teen, he was drafted into the Navy to join the fight in WWII. He served on the USS Steady which was a minesweeper. Maybe that's when he developed his comedy, to help calm the nerves of his shipmates.

After the War, he found himself in entertainment as a singer, musician, comedian, and talent agent.

Joe had a dance band for 55 years in the Columbus area. I think it's the longest running band in Columbus. As a talent agent, he was booking shows for acts such as the Glen Miller Band, Tommy Dorsey Band, as well as comedians such as Jackie Gleason and others.

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**John Ely, President of Veterans' Outreach**





## Purple Heart Day

August 7th



Purple Heart Day is August 7th.  
Please honor our veterans who help protect our freedom.

## Agent Orange





Agent Orange was first sprayed in August 1961. President Kennedy had authorized the use of herbicides in December 1961, and the U.S. Air Force began flying Operation Ranch Hand missions the following month. Between 1962 and 1971, the U.S. sprayed an estimated 20 million gallons of herbicides in Vietnam, eastern Laos, and parts of Cambodia, usually from helicopters or low-flying aircraft, but sometimes from backpacks, boats, and trucks. Agent Orange is the most infamous herbicide and its lingering toxicity continues to affect those exposed on either side of the conflict.

## 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



A veteran applied to us for assistance, referred by the VA. He asked for prompt rental help. His wife developed a leg infection and is in the hospital following leg amputation. Both he and his wife are on Social Security disability – he can't work and now she cannot. Her check was garnished for previous overpayment and they cannot meet their overdue rent – facing eviction while she's hospitalized and

they have a 17 year old daughter at home. **Veterans' Outreach was able to help him with his rent.**

A veteran came to our office for help with a problem that he couldn't face alone. After we took care of him, he was so grateful he wanted to give back. He wanted to donate a hospital bed. We were unable to take it because we are crunched for space, but we told him we'd keep his information. Two weeks later, a veterans' caseworker called, said she was frantically searching for a hospital bed for a veteran that was in stage 4 cancer. **We were able to coordinate with the donor, the family of the veteran in need, and other agencies to get the hospital bed delivered. The family members assembled it, and as a bonus, we provided the veteran's wife with a walker. This is the kind of work we do every day, and we are grateful to be able to do it.**

## 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.**

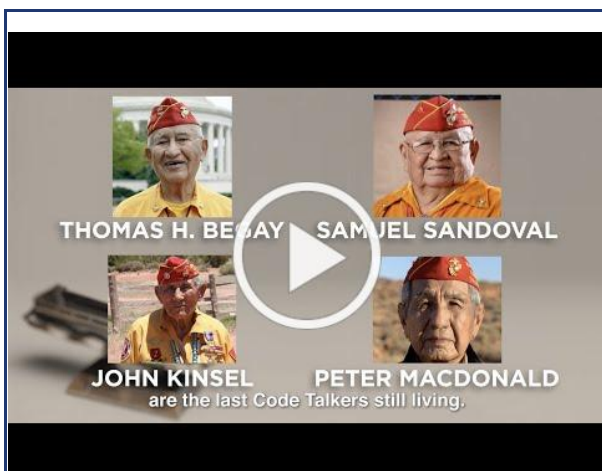
**Amazon will fund a donation to Veterans' Outreach based on a % of all your purchases. A few minutes of your time can help a veteran in need.**

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## News



### Navajo Code Talkers 2022 American Spirit Award Recipients

In the heat of battle, it is of the utmost importance that messages are delivered and received as quickly as possible. It is even more crucial that these messages are encoded so the enemy does not know about plans in advance. During World War II, the Marine Corps used one of the thousands of languages spoken in the world to create an **unbreakable code: Navajo**. World War II wasn't the first time a Native American language was used to create a code. During World War I, the Choctaw language was used in the transmission of secret tactical



Antiterrorism Awareness Month  
Month of August

Air Force Day  
Aug. 1

Coast Guard Day  
Aug. 4

Purple Heart Day  
Aug. 7

U.S. Department of Defense  
Birthday  
Aug. 10

Agent Orange Awareness Day  
Aug. 10

Navajo Code Talkers Day  
Aug. 14

messages. It was instrumental in a successful surprise attack against the Germans. Germany and Japan sent students to the United States after World War I to study Native American languages and cultures, such as Cherokee, Choctaw, and Comanche. Because of this, many members of the U.S. military services were uneasy about continuing to use Code Talkers during World War II. They were afraid the code would be easily cracked, but that was before they learned about the complexity of Navajo.

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**National Airborne Day**

Aug. 16

**Marine Corps Reserve Birthday**

Aug. 29

## Events





## 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:

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- 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:

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### Ways to get started:



Click [here](#) :



Scan the QR code with your phone camera

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Approved On:	July 28, 2021
Expires On:	Not Applicable

September 9th, 2022  
Veterans' Outreach Golf Scramble





# VETERANS' OUTREACH

## 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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TO SERVE AND HONOR

PLEASE SPONSOR OUR EVENT

*The money raised will be used to help local veterans in need.*

\$100

*Best Deal*

\$500

*Enter name wanted on hole sign.*

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

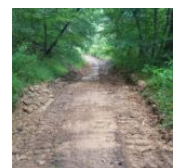
*Send Application with payment to:*

**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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