

# VET NET Newsletter

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## COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN #64259

## HOW TO GIVE



Federal employees and retirees are dedicated to making a difference in local communities, and across the state. The CFC is an opportunity to do even more for the causes you care about. Our home office is in Youngstown Ohio. Check out our website at [veteransoutreach.org](http://veteransoutreach.org) or Facebook.

We ask that you choose Veterans' Outreach, CFC #64259, as your charity to make a payroll deduction through this year's CFC Campaign. Through the CFC campaign donations, you can be the face of change.

1. Visit GiveCFC.org and click DONATE.
2. Create an account or log in to your existing account.
3. Complete or update your profile.
4. Enter the zip code of your office to access the list of charities.
5. Veterans' Outreach office zip code is 44505.
6. Enter Veterans' Outreach CFC #64259.
7. Make your pledge.

**Thank you, we have the heart, credibility, and transparency to make your donation count!**

## Angels Come In Many Forms!

Many times, there are things that happen that can't be explained or don't make sense, or are too good to be true. I am talking about some angels that are veterans that are now united in motorcycle clubs. They are the roughest and toughest of us all. They stood tall, volunteered to protect our country, and now they volunteer to help causes in America. They ride for freedom, they ride for fun, and they ride to help others have a better life. They have Poker Runs, Dice Runs, and other fundraising – all to benefit worthy causes.

Ronald McDonald House, Honor Flights, Child Abuse, Literacy, Veterans in Need – they have helped them all.

Veterans' Outreach has been blessed by several fundraising rides hosted by The American Legion, Abate, and The Combat Veterans.

This is the second year that **Combat Veterans Association Chapter 12-6** has raised funds for Veterans' Outreach's mission.

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

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# Ohio Flags of Honor Retires the Mission with Respect for Ohio's Fallen Heroes

The Ohio Flags of Honor Traveling Memorial honors the men and women of Ohio who have given their lives in service to their country. Specifically, those Fallen in the Wars in Afghanistan, Iraq and the War on Terrorism since September 11, 2001.



## Spotlight on Service



### OHIO FLAGS OF HONOR CLOSES WITH HONOR

Veterans' Outreach hosted an Ohio Flags of Honor event in 2018. It was a wonderful experience. The traveling memorial honored fallen soldiers from Ohio since the war on terror began. It was a weekend event. On Friday morning, they arrived with their 895 flags and precisely planted flag holders in the ground with great care regarding spacing.

300 of those flags represented Ohio soldiers that gave the ultimate sacrifice for their country. The rest of the flags had been donated by supporters.

Friday evening hosted a beautiful ceremony that brought recognition and honor to every one of the fallen. Their names were read, a bell was rung, and the flag was carried to its resting place for the weekend. There was music to accompany the event that was somber and inspiring.

The flags were left on display for the rest of the weekend for visitors to read the names of the fallen on the flagpoles. On Sunday, there was a short ceremony and then a 300-helium balloon release to close the ceremony.

Ohio Flags of Honor held dozens of events across Ohio for many years and have now decided to close the organization. Veterans' Outreach hosted a final event a few days ago. Gold Star families were given the flag that bears their loved one's name. The pain and loss don't ever go away, but those flags really meant something to the families, and they were well received.

Thank you, Ohio Flags of Honor.









Veterans Job Site



New Veteran website helps people get jobs.

## Help For Hopeless Veterans



### What Veterans Who Are Homeless or At Risk of Homelessness Should do for Help

Veterans who are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness are strongly encouraged to contact the National Call Center for Homeless Veterans at (877) 4AID-VET (877-424-3838) for assistance. If Veterans do not have access to a phone or the internet, only then are they to visit their closest VA medical center without calling in advance. VA also urges Veterans who are not homeless or at risk of homelessness to contact their VA medical center before visiting for any reason. These steps are necessary to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

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## 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



Recent heavy rain and wind had left a veteran with several feet of water in his basement. He just purchased this home earlier this year, and he was loving it – 1<sup>st</sup> time homeowner, at peace and excited to move forward in life. As he sat relaxing in his home, he heard a strange noise, when he looked, he saw the basement quickly filling with water. He does not have flood insurance because it was too

expensive. He lives on a fixed income and really was at his wits end when he called Veterans' Outreach for some help. **We advised him to wait a bit to see if FEMA would declare a Flash Flood emergency, then he would get federal aid for his loss. In the meantime, we got him some immediate relief by placing him in a hotel to think things through and figure out his next move. We also provided him with food for his family. When he's ready, he can come back for additional assistance.**

Visiting Veterans' Outreach has become part of the weekly routine for many veterans. They stop by to browse through Heroes' Closet which consists of donated clothing, footwear, coats, linens, household goods, and some furniture. They stop by to get help with food for the week from the Freedom Food Pantry. Veterans have been known to say, "This is my social time", "This is a safe place", "I always leave with my dignity", "I look forward all week to coming by" and other similar statements.

**A veteran on a bicycle came by for help with food. We are grateful to be able to do this work and provide this safety net for at-risk veterans. May God bless all veterans.**

## 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.**



# Donate 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.**

**Register**

## News



### National Day of the Deployed

This day honors all service members who have been deployed in service of our country. The day also acknowledges the sacrifices that military families make during deployment. The first National Day of the Deployed was observed in 2006, when North Dakota announced a proclamation for the day, thanks to Shelle Michaelles Aberle, who petitioned Governor John



**Breast Cancer Awareness Month**  
Month of October

**Ms. Veteran America Pageant**  
October 30, 2022

**Columbus Day**  
Second Monday in October

**U.S. Navy (USN) Birthday**  
Oct. 13

**Military World Games**  
October (Summer Games to be held in 2023) TBA

**Day of the Deployed**  
Oct. 26

Hoevento with the idea.  
October 26 was chosen for the date in honor of Shelle's cousin, LTC David Hosna, who had been deployed to Iraq (the day was Hosna's birthday).  
By 2012, every state in the US was observing this day.Honoring those who have been been deployed,

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**Navy Day**  
Oct. 27

**Halloween**  
Oct. 31

## Events

**October 28 @ 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm**

**Friday October 28th, 2022**

Veteran's Outreach

**512 E Main St, Grayson, KY**

**5:30 PM- 7:30 PM**

For Additional Information Call:

**606-475-0216**

# Halloween Trunk or Treat

Veterans' Outreach



# Veteran's Warming Items Distribution



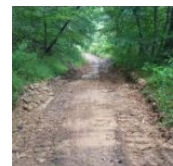
**THE YOUNGSTOWN BLUE COATS WILL BE  
PROVIDING MUCH-NEEDED  
WINTER ITEMS FOR VETERANS AT  
VETERANS' OUTREACH,  
7 BELGRADE AVENUE, YOUNGSTOWN, OH  
ON NOVEMBER 9TH, 2022 FROM  
10AM TO 1PM.**



## 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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