

VET NET Newsletter

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God Blessed Veterans' Outreach This Christmas

by John Ely

Teri Ely, our Executive Director, was being interviewed for a Veterans' Day Story on how the charity was helping veterans in need. The activity is bustling like crazy! There is goodwill just dripping from the ceiling.

Anybody that visits is taken back on how everyone, all, have a super amped feeling while they are there, and they leave with that after-glow of humble satisfaction through serving veterans.

The interns, volunteers, staff, visitors, contributors, and veterans-in-need are confident that hope and Godly things are happening at this charity and through its' mission.

As the reporter was packing up, he reached into his brief case and pulled out a plaque that says, "WYTV Proudly recognizes Teri Ely and Veterans' Outreach as a Hometown Hero". Well, this caught her completely unprepared and she had to hesitate and figure out what was happening.

Being stymied...she said shyly that she doesn't deserve this honor. The reporter told her to look around...you are responsible for all of this! She responded by stating that all good things come from God and then thanked him for the honor of being named a "Hometown Hero".

One of her pleas during that interview was that we were looking for a bigger building. The reporter took that small excerpt and played it on the TV stations night and day before her main interview aired.

John Ely, President Veterans' Outreach

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Pearl Harbor

Dad Survived the Pearl Harbor Attack and Tended to Many Victims

William Gordon Ely was born in Gallipolis, Ohio, where he worked on the family farm when he was just 8 years old. Dad later faced the Depression with his family and joined the service at 17 when he lied about his age.

He was finally stationed at Pearl Harbor after touring the South Pacific and wrote to his mom that he found paradise, bragging about catching a 40-pound octopus and having a barbecue on the beach with the guys. Just before 8 a.m. on Dec. 7, 1941, "Bill" was on the porch of the barracks because of an upset stomach from cucumber salad the night before, which saved his life.

The airfields were the first attacked and more than 2,335 men were lost there. Dad was a paramedic, so he was racing off in his ambulance truck just trying to get away from the Japanese aircraft, or Zeros, which were strafing him on both sides of his vehicle.. The attack lasted a total of 90 minutes and left 2,400 dead and 1,100

wounded.

My dad tended to as many wounded as he could, while he was wounded as well. He even dove in the blazing water rescuing many other of those attacked men at the Harbor.. After the attack, he spent days administering blood and glucose constantly, especially, to one seriously burned victim.

The hospital was overloaded, so Dad would change his bandages, and even slept with that man to keep him warm, so he wouldn't go into shock. That man's mom wrote a letter to my dad thanking him for saving her son's life.

The letter was shown to the Red Cross and the charity started a blood drive, using the importance of that story. My dad went on to be a founder of the "Pearl Harbor Survivors" Columbus chapter, and co-founder of eight other chapters. He was best friends with the man that started a Military Museum., Mott's Military Museum. He left in his will a major donation to the Mott's Military Museum of Columbus, to help with the expansion of the new wing, where his Pearl Harbor coat and memorabilia are on display. He had a photographic memory, which was tortuous to him. Every time, though, he had a chance to talk about that historic day, he wouldn't hesitate. He was A CONSTANT reminder of that horrific day when the world came to a halt. He is forever thankful that Warren Mott and his Museum would be there to tell the story, always!

"Lest we forget," Dad, you are part of history!

Pearl Harbor Survivor's Son...John Ely

John Ely, President of Veterans' Outreach



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

"Heart" of a Lion

A wonderful gentleman that's a veteran out of Georgia called our branch office in Grayson, KY, and desperately needed help. His truck broke down in Ashland, KY on his way to Colorado to get a transfusion. Amazingly, only 24% of his heart works. Even more amazing than that is that he died for 26 minutes and 17 seconds on June 26th, 2017 leaving him with a Traumatic Brain Injury. He spent all his money fixing his truck to get him to his life-saving treatment and had nothing left to finish getting him to the Hospital in Colorado. He said no matter what life throws at him he will survive and get through it. We got him a \$200.00 visa to help him with his journey to a better heart. He is 72 years old. How incredibly brave of him to make this trip alone and in the condition he is in. He was so grateful for what we did for him and amazed by all the great things we do for Veterans.



NORTHCOAST MIATA CLUB HOSTS "SOUPTEMBER" DRIVE

The Northcoast Miata Club hosted a soup drive for Veterans' Outreach Freedom Food Pantry in September. They called it "Souptember", clever, isn't it? Todd and Dee Tannehill took the lead on this project and really put their hearts into it. They collected 150 cans of soup. They decided they wanted to do more, so they contacted Cascade Auto Group from Cuyahoga Falls. Cascade Auto Group made a donation that allowed Todd and Dee to purchase another 150 cans of soup!

The Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) is the world's largest and most successful annual workplace charity campaign.



CFC is the official workplace giving campaign for the federal community, offering federal employees and retirees the opportunity to support Veterans' Outreach.

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.

HOW TO GIVE

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, Veterans' Outreach, CFC #64259

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 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

December



Dec. 7, 2021 – Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day – The anniversary of the day Japan attacked Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, signaling the United States'

Pearl Harbor



entrance into World War II.

Dec. 13, 2021 – National Guard Birthday

Dec. 18, 2021 – National Wreaths Across America Day. The day has a simple mission: "Remember fallen U.S. veterans; honor those who serve; and teach your children the value of freedom." This important day is an annual event that takes place every third Saturday in December at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as other cemeteries in the U.S., at sea, and abroad. Wreaths are laid as family and friends remember both those who made the ultimate sacrifice, and those who currently serve in the armed forces.

"A day which will live in infamy." That was how President Franklin Delano Roosevelt described Dec. 7, 1941, as he one day later asked Congress to declare war against the Empire of Japan. In a surprise attack that began at 7:48 a.m. that sunny Sunday in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, Japan killed 2,403 Americans; wounded 1,178 others; sank four U.S. Navy battleships; destroyed 188 U.S. aircraft; and sank or damaged three cruisers, three destroyers, one minelayer, and an anti-aircraft training ship. America would never be the same.

EVENTS

**INCLUDES
TEE OR FLOWY TANK**



November 28, 2022 - January 31, 2023

Gone For a Run

Support Veterans' Outreach by going for a run!! This is an On-Going Challenge! Share with your friends! Gone For a RUN has a fun virtual 5k! Challenge your friends, near and far!

Register for Gone For Run

**Masters Bar
& Grill 1675
Trumbull
Ave. Girard**



Dec. 16 AT 6:30 PM
Step by step instructions by

SIP N PAINT with MARY SINCLAIR

Helping raise money for Charity

PAINT PARTY!

BASKET RAFFLE!!!

SNACKS!!!

Tracer will be provided



Call Patty to reserve
your place ...

(330)507-4462

\$30

Free Glass of WINE

December 16 @ 6:30 pm

PAINT PARTY

Proceeds benefit Veterans' Outreach

Masters Bar & Grill 1675 Trumbull Ave., Girard, OH

All money goes to the Veterans Outreach! Come Support your local veterans. At Masters Bar & Grill Basket Raffle, Snacks & FREE GLASS OF WINE Call Patty to reserve your place: 330-507-4462, \$30



VETERANS' OUTREACH
PRESENTS



TINE TIME

Benefit Dinner

Come Celebrate Valen"Time" Time with Friends to
Benefit Veterans in Need
Live Music • Leather & Lace Productions Six-Piece Band
Dinner • Games • Dancing • Basket Auction • 50/50

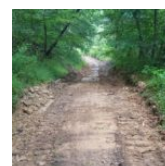
Feb 11 • 5pm-9pm
\$60 per person

The Lake Club
1140 Paulin Rd
Youngstown, OH

RESERVE your spot today! To purchase TICKETS,
MAIL OR STOP BY: 7 Belgrade Ave, Youngstown, OH 44505
CALL: 330-755-5792, x5

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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