

# VET NET Newsletter April 2023

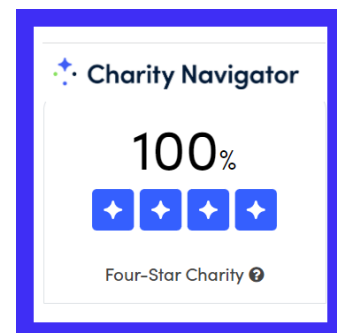
## Anniversary Issue



# VETERANS' OUTREACH



Serving our veterans in Ohio, Kentucky, Alabama, Florida, West Virginia & New York since 1994



It's hard to believe that two years have come and gone since this newsletter became a reality. It was born from the Pandemic. The COVID-19 Pandemic was shocking, saddening, and has left all of us changed forever. The world's progress and any comfort that we had was compromised. Almost seven million people worldwide lost their lives. On top of that incredible loss, so many businesses had to close their doors, and many are still struggling to regain their pre-COVID positions.

We thank God that Veterans' Outreach survived and still stands ready to help veterans in their time of need. In the early days of COVID, when we were all hunkering down, we shut down our offices for about one month. I had recently hired Kathleen, a part-time assistant to help with Heroes' Passage development, but that was halted. She asked me if she was going to be laid off – I told her to let me think about it. As I did, I realized that this shut down time was an opportunity to finally develop a goal of mine – the VetNet Newsletter.

I didn't expect to be shut down for long, and fully expected Veterans' Outreach to survive and go on as before. I asked her if she ever had ever developed an online newsletter?

She told me never, and I asked her if she would like to try. Lots of research and trial and error led to our first newsletter in April of 2020! She stuck with the program and has been developing and growing since then, up to approximately 8,000 subscribers and growing.

John Ely  
"To Serve And Honor"  
President Veterans' Outreach  
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## New Corporate Headquarters







Take a look at new amazing headquarters for Veterans' Outreach.

## Veteran Anniversary



Originally called Armistice Day, it commemorated the signing of the agreement which ended World War I and was first observed on November 11th, 1918. Celebrates the uncommon valor and selfless devotion of our veterans, enjoy the performance of "Freedom Song" by the Singing Sergeants. Join us in thanking every member of the Armed Forces for their service to this nation, those laid to rest and those valiantly fighting for the freedoms we share.

## Our Programs For Veterans

Over the last 29 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

At our corporate office in Youngstown, Ohio we had a veteran come in recently that was referred to us through another organization. We are always so happy to assist with referrals. Working together to help veterans' lives is always our priority. This government organization was able to help her from being homeless to living in an apartment, a home to call their own. However, she was referred to us to turn that house into a home by providing her with resources for furniture. Then we were able to

refer her to an agency to help her get a job. We are happy to report her home is furnished and she now has a job. Her whole life is now changed through collaboration and we are so happy for her.



A recent storm in our area caused a lot of power outages affecting many families, including many veterans. Because of these storms, a veteran entered our office as power had been out for several days! He was not given any indication of a timeline of when his power would be turned back on. At this point, he was desperate for assistance with no end in sight. Luckily, the veteran does have a veteran so we were able to provide quick and easy assistance for him. He left in hand with enough fuel cards to keep him going for days to come. He also left with a gift card for prepared foods since cooking is out of the question currently. We are so grateful he came to see us and happy we were able to quickly help.

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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.**



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You can also call 888-2-VET-NET and speak with Teri Ely to donate.

## Stars & Strikes Fundraiser A Great Success



### 'Stars & Strikes' tournament raises funds for veterans in need

BOARDMAN, Ohio (WKBN) - On Sunday, people laced up their bowling shoes at Camelot Lanes for a good cause. Veterans Outreach is a group working to help and give back to veterans in every way possible. Sunday's bowling tournament - called "Stars and Strikes" - at Camelot Lanes was a fun way for the community to support their mission.

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## News

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Month of the Military Child  
Month of April

Military Saves Month  
Month of April

April Fool's Day  
April 1

Palm Sunday  
April 2

Passover Begins  
April 5

Gold Star Spouses Day  
April 5

Army Day  
April 6

Good Friday  
April 7

Easter  
April 9

National Former POW Recognition  
Day  
April 9

Persian Gulf War Official Cease Fire  
(1991)  
April 11

Air Force Reserve Birthday  
April 14

Purple Up! Day  
April 15

Orthodox Easter  
April 16



The Military Discount Center highlights the commitment of businesses that support our military through numerous military discounts, deals and freebies for active duty service members, veterans and their families.

Find More Discounts

- Hot Deals
- Freebies for Military
- Dining Discounts
- Military Travel Discounts
- Military Discount Merchants

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## Plan Ahead To Celebrate Mother's Day with Military Discounts

Mother's Day is the second Sunday of every May. This day is dedicated to the celebration and appreciation of the special moms in our lives. Need some gifts ideas to brighten Mom's day? Grab your military ID and get military discounts on the following gifts that any mother will love.

Flowers, Jewelry, Homemade Gifts

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Income Tax Day  
April 18

Earth Day  
April 22

Army Reserve Birthday  
April 23

Administrative Professionals Day  
April 26

Arbor Day  
April 28

National Military Brats Day  
April 30



## 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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