

VET NET Newsletter

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Veterans' Outreach New Headquarters



A little less than a year ago, I would have never dreamed that we would be moving into a complex that has three large brick buildings and almost three acres! Thanks to the support of all of you that have donated online, participated in special events, donated at our Outreach setups, volunteered, donated goods for the VO Depot – all of you that have believed in the mission – thank you for helping us help veterans.

In November 2022, the Executive Director was interviewed by a Youngstown TV station. He was delighted to present her with a plaque saying that she was voted "Hometown Hero" of the Valley. The way that she has been helping thousands of veterans each year has been inspirational. In the interview, she was asked what Veterans' Outreach needed the most. She proceeded to tell the viewing audience that the biggest pressing need of Veterans' Outreach was to get a larger building which we've been looking for... for three years and better.

That interview inspired two realtors to alert us to a nearby property located at 15, 17,

and 19 Colonial Drive in Youngstown that was up for auction the next day! We went to the auction, and no one else did. It was the grace of God that brought these circumstances together. The complex that we purchased is a godsend to our growth pattern orchestrating stronger, better, and more missions.

So, we have been renovating the new site to suit our programs for veterans. We will be moving into an 18,000 sq. ft. building from a 3,600 sq. ft. building. The two other buildings were built for office rentals. One of them is full and the other will be used for storage and who knows what the future holds.

We have just had the soft opening of our newest venture, the VO Depot. It is a thrift shop that sells just about everything and anything from cars, collectibles, furniture, appliances, and every kind of clothing that you can imagine. The best part is that the sales will directly benefit veterans through the Direct Aid Program which provides financial assistance for veterans in need.

The other side of the building will have a large waiting area where veterans can visit one another and enjoy an atmosphere of acceptance and appreciation. It will also have the Freedom Food Pantry for veterans, the Direct Aid Program, and a guest office for other veteran supportive services.

The second floor will house our administrative needs and a large open area for future events. The updates are completed but need to be painted.

We hope to be fully moved by the end of November. A grand opening will have to wait until we get the outside completed with flag and exterior renovations to the buildings. Being a non-profit, we are very careful about expenditures outside of day-to-day operations. We have applied for grant funding to update and rehab the exterior.

If you care to help, donate, volunteer, visit, or need help, please check out our website: VeteransOutreach.org and contact us at 866. 212. 5592 for additional information or valuable feedback. There's no greater feeling than to have the capacity to help so many veterans. Our mission is stronger than ever to help as many veterans as possible. We are here to serve and honor.



Any feedback, suggestions, interest in getting involved, I want to talk to you. Email me at jely@veteransoutreach.org

May God bless our veterans.
John Ely
President Veterans' Outreach

Remember 9/11



On the 22nd anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, we pay tribute to the veterans who valiantly served to protect our nation. Today, we remember their sacrifices and their unwavering commitment to our country. As we commemorate this historic day, let us never forget the brave men and women who put their lives on the line to defend our freedom and our way of life. Join us in honoring their impact and continuing their legacy by supporting our veterans and their families.

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

The aftermath of a recent storm in our area caused a lot of power outages. A veteran came into our office as the power had been out for several days. Nervously, he had no idea how long it would be off. They needed some assistance because they have a generator at their house and that ensures that everything they need is readily available and they can stay comfortable in their home. Thankfully, we were able to give enough him fuel cards to keep the generator going and also a gift card for prepared foods. We are so happy to have been able to help this veteran and grateful that he came to us for help. Problem solved!



Recently, we had a veteran come to our office from a referral from another government agency that got her from homelessness to an apartment. She was so grateful, but now

she needed help turning her newfound house into a home. We were able to assist her in getting furniture and, better yet, we gave her a referral to an agency to get a job. She not only received her furniture, but she also got a job. We are so grateful to have been a part of her story. From Homelessness to Home.

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.

988 The New Veterans Crisis Line Number

In response to the [National Suicide Hotline Designation Act](#) designating the [988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline](#), the Department of Veterans Affairs has made it more user friendly to access the [Veterans Crisis Line](#).

"During a crisis, every second counts," said VA Secretary Denis McDonough. "This new, shorter number makes it easier for Veterans and those who care about them to reach

lifesaving support without having to be enrolled in VA benefits or health care.”

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Events

Medicare Information Brief & Table
AMVETS Post 44
305 Elm St, Struthers, Oh
Wednesday, 27 September, 2023
12:00 PM – 4:00 PM

AMVETS Post 44 is hosting a Medicare information session on 27 September, 2023 for Medicare eligible. Post members and family members as well. In addition, we are extending this invitation to the general public (non-post members) in order to better understand benefits of Medicare and to clear myths and misconceptions plan holders often face. This service to our Post members and our local community is free of charge. We are hosting this event to show our continued support to our entire community! Medicare experts will be on site to provide information and answer questions as needed. They will not be on site to sell Medicare. If interested attendees can set an appointment with the Medicare agents

for a date and time after the session.
For more information please contact AMVETS Post 44

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News

September

[National Suicide Prevention Month](#)

Veteran Discounts

Month of September

National Service Dog Month

Month of September

Labor Day

First Monday of September

V-J Day: Victory over Japan -
Signed Formal Surrender (1945)
Sept. 2

U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps
Incorporated (1962)
Sept. 10th

Patriot Day and National Day of
Service and Remembrance
Sept. 11

"Star-Spangled Banner" written by
Francis Scott Key (1814)
Sept. 14th

Ladies Auxiliary VFW organized
(1914)
Sept. 14th

POW / MIA Recognition Day
Sept. 15th

Rosh Hashanah
Sept. 15th - 17th

U.S. Constitution Approved (1787)
Sept. 17

Constitution and Citizenship Day
Sept. 17

Hispanic Heritage Month
Sept. 15 – Oct. 15

Air Force (USAF) Birthday
Established (1947)
Sept. 18

Office of the Sec. of Defense
Birthday
Sept. 18

Air National Guard Birthday
Sept. 18



Military and Veteran Discounts



Military Discount Center, Deals and Freebies

The Military Discount Center has many military discounts, deals and freebies for active duty service members, veterans and their families. Take a peek.

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7 Military Discounts to Help During a Government Shutdown

Military families are always on the lookout for great discounts, but they are even more vital during a government shutdown.

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National POW/MIA Recognition Day
Third Friday in September

Gold Star Mother's Day
Sept. 24th

Yom Kippur
Sept. 24 (begins), Sept. 25(ends)

VFW Day, VFW Establish 1899
Sept. 29

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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