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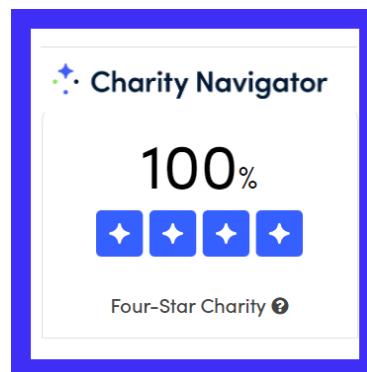
February 2024



VETERANS' OUTREACH



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



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Check out our #NonprofitProfile <https://www.guidestar.org/profile/22-3272976> to see the great work we do for our community. We want to make sure you have the progress updates you need to confidently support our work with trust and confidence.

Honoring Our Heroes: A Special Valentine's Day Tribute



What a grand gesture it is to offer a veteran the heartfelt thanks they truly deserve!

As Valentine's Day approaches, it serves as a reminder to express love and appreciation to those who hold a special place in our hearts. Whether it's our spouses, children, grandchildren, friends, or our esteemed veterans, there are numerous Valentines in our lives whom we cherish deeply.

Amidst the hustle and bustle of this romantic holiday, let's not forget the men and women who have served our country with unwavering dedication and sacrifice. As we reflect on the love and gratitude we feel for our loved ones, let's extend that same warmth and appreciation to our veterans.

Here's a glimpse into the history of Valentine's Day:

Valentine's Day, also known as Saint Valentine's Day or the Feast of Saint Valentine, is celebrated annually on February 14th. Its origins lie in a Christian feast day honoring a martyr named Valentine. Over time, it has evolved into a significant cultural, religious, and commercial celebration of love and romance worldwide.

Legend has it that Saint Valentine, while imprisoned for ministering to persecuted Christians in the third century, performed acts of love and compassion. His story, intertwined with themes of love and devotion, has contributed to the modern-day celebration of Valentine's Day.

Tradition holds that Saint Valentine performed weddings for Christian soldiers who were forbidden to marry under the Roman Empire. Another embellishment to the legend suggests that he penned a farewell letter signed "Your Valentine" to the jailer's daughter before his execution.

Throughout history, Valentine's Day has been associated with expressions of romantic love, symbolized by heart-shaped outlines, doves, and Cupid. From handmade cards in the 18th century to mass-produced greetings in the 19th century, the holiday has evolved into a cherished tradition of expressing affection and admiration.

As we celebrate Valentine's Day this year, let's also honor our veterans, who embody the true spirit of love and sacrifice. Offering a heartfelt Valentine's wish to all veterans we know can make a meaningful difference in their lives.

This Valentine's Day, let's make it a point to express our gratitude and love to those who have served our country selflessly. To all our veterans, we extend a heartfelt Happy Valentine's Day!

John Ely

VeteransOutreach.org

Remember, you can thank a veteran today by making them your Valentine.

President's Day



Our Programs For Veterans

Over the last 30 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 Hero's Journey Home!

In a recent encounter that touched our hearts deeply, a resilient veteran, facing the harsh reality of homelessness, sought refuge at our office, finding himself sleeping in his car. At Veterans' Outreach, we believe that no hero who has served our country should ever have to endure such circumstances.

Determined to make a meaningful impact, we swiftly took action. We not only secured a hotel stay for a week, providing immediate relief and comfort but, fueled by our commitment to our veterans, we extended our support further. Collaborating passionately with the VA, we worked tirelessly to secure permanent housing, ensuring that this hero's journey towards stability and a warm, welcoming home became a reality. Join us in celebrating the unwavering resilience of our veterans and standing together to ensure that no hero ever has to sleep in their car again.



Fueling Hope for a Brave Warrior Battling Cancer!

In a poignant chapter of our journey, we encountered a courageous veteran bravely fighting cancer, unable to work and facing financial struggles. Filing for disability, this hero found themselves behind on rent and in need of fuel for crucial cancer treatment appointments. At Veterans' Outreach, we recognize the tremendous sacrifices our veterans make, and we were honored to step in.

Pooling our community resources, we provided crucial assistance, not only alleviating the financial burden by covering rent but also ensuring reliable transportation for vital cancer treatment appointments. Together, we fueled hope for this brave warrior, demonstrating the unwavering support our community offers to those who have served.

Events

April 12 @ 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Veterans Resource Fair

Kent State University - Trumbull Campus 4313 Mahoning Ave NW, Warren, OH,

United States Sponsored By : Congressman Dave Joyce Representatives from:

Department of Veterans Affairs Fieldstone Farm Trumbull County Veterans Service

Commission Small Business Administration National Alliance on Mental Illness

Mahoning Valley Veterans' Outreach Family & Community Services National Cemetery

Administration And More Kent State University - Trumbull Campus Library-Theatre

Building, Room 197 4314 Mahoning Ave NW

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Fieldstone Farm

Trumbull County Veterans Service Commission

Small Business Administration

National Alliance on Mental Illness Mahoning Valley

Veterans' Outreach

Family & Community Services

National Cemetery Administration

And more



Friday, April 12, 2024, 11:00 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Kent State University – Trumbull Campus

Library-Theatre Building, Room 197

4314 Mahoning Ave NW

Warren, OH 44483

For more information call:

Chad Gimmi

440-637-8026 or 440-352-3939

Or email him at chad.gimmi@mail.house.gov



April 13 @ 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Stars and Strikes

Bowl To Benefit Veterans In Need

Veterans' Outreach Presents **STARS AND STRIKES**

**Bowl-A-Thon to
Benefit Veterans In Need
Saturday, April 13th at Camelot Lanes**

628 Boardman-Canfield Rd, Youngstown, OH



TIME:

**CHECK-IN STARTS AT 1:30 PM
BOWLING (SHOES INCLUDED): 2-4 PM
APPETIZERS & SOFT DRINKS PROVIDED
PIZZA BUFFET & AWARDS: 4-5 PM**

DETAILS:

**COST: \$30 PER PERSON
BASKET AUCTION AND 50/50 RAFFLE!
TEAMS OF 4, ALL AGES WELCOME!
PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

RESERVE YOUR SPOTS TODAY!

**ONLINE: [HTTPS://VETERANSOUTREACH.ORG/EVENT/STARS-AND-STRIKES/](https://veteransoutreach.org/event/stars-and-strikes/)
MAIL OR STOP BY: 17 COLONIAL DRIVE, YOUNGSTOWN 44505
CALL: 330-755-5792 EXT. 2
EMAIL: TELY@VETERANSOUTREACH.ORG**

Patterson Foundation Celebration

March 2, 2024

Prelude: 10:30 AM

Celebration: 10:45 to 11:45AM

Sarasota National Cemetery

Please Join The Patterson Foundation's

Celebration of Patriot Plaza

In the Heart of the Sarasota National Cemetery
9810 State Road 72, Sarasota, FL 34241

Saturday, March 2, 2024

Prelude 10:30 a.m.

Celebration 10:45 to 11:45 a.m.

Recognizing Ten Years of
Honoring Veterans, Inspiring Patriotism and Embracing Freedom

RSVP your attendance [HERE](#) or scan the QR code.
Look for more event-day details upon registration!



The celebration will feature:

- The Ditchfield Family Singers and patriotic sing-a-longs
- Keynote thoughts from COL Linda Gould, US Army, Ret
- Impact quotes shared by Maverick Johnson, CIQ Host of *Maverick and Lulu in the Morning*
- The Mighty Sarasota Military Academy Drumline

This celebration is a FREE community event! Please share this invitation!

To enjoy more about Patriot Plaza's history and presence at the Sarasota National Cemetery,
visit: thepattersonfoundation.org/patriot-plaza



Help Us Make History The Giving Challenge

You Can Be the One!

Have you dreamed of making history? Of course, we all have. And now we have a chance to be a part of Sarasota, Manatee, Charlotte, and DeSoto counties' 2024 Giving Challenge – a day of giving – an opportunity to unite our community around causes in which we truly believe and help nonprofit organizations connect to the

larger community.

We're excited to announce that **Veterans' Outreach** will be participating in this year's **Giving Challenge!** We need your help to make a difference for veterans in need.

Please join our campaign and help us reach our goal of \$15,000 and 100 donors! We need you to tell your friends and family members about the important work Veterans' Outreach does and ask them to join us in making a difference.

Get ready to give! From noon on April 9 to noon on April 10, visit GivingChallenge.org and donate to Veterans' Outreach. All giving will end at 11:59 AM on April 10, so make sure to get your gift in on time!

Questions? If you have any questions or would like more information about Veterans' Outreach, let us know. Thank you in advance for your generosity to our organization and for helping us support veterans in our community!



— 2024 —
**GIVING
CHALLENGE**
Be The One

Presented by the
Community Foundation of Sarasota County

**CONNECT, COLLABORATE,
COME TOGETHER!**

NOON TO NOON • APRIL 9 – 10

VISIT [GIVINGCHALLENGE.ORG](https://givingchallenge.org)

Humana

Humana

We're deeply honored to announce Humana's sponsorship. This invaluable support ensures the continuity of our programs, allowing us to reach more veterans facing challenging times and expanding our impact on their lives.

The Youngstown Foundation



A special thank you to The Youngstown Foundation for providing grant funds to facilitate our transition to a new headquarters. The funds allocated for the flagpole, security cameras, and signage are instrumental in creating a safe and welcoming space for our veterans. We are deeply grateful for your support.

Your contributions serve as a beacon of hope for the veterans we serve, empowering us to forge ahead with renewed determination. Together, we are making a lasting impact on the lives of those who have sacrificed so much for our freedom.

Giant Eagle Corporate



We are thrilled to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Giant Eagle Corporate for their generous donation of gas gift cards. Their support will go a long way in helping Veterans' Outreach fulfill its mission and make a positive impact in our community.

Through their kindness and generosity, Giant Eagle Corporate has shown a deep commitment to supporting our organization and the veterans we serve. We are truly grateful for their partnership and dedication to making a difference.

To Giant Eagle Corporate: Your contribution will make a significant difference in the lives of many veterans, and we cannot thank you enough for your support. Together, we are making our community a better place.

With sincere appreciation,
Veterans' Outreach

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.

Exciting News from Veterans' Outreach! Thank you Sheely's!

Dear Veterans' Outreach Community,
Thank you to everyone who participated in our recent survey! Your feedback is invaluable to us as we continue our mission of serving and honoring veterans. We're thrilled to announce a wonderful partnership for the first quarter of 2024: Sheely's will be joining forces with Veterans' Outreach to make a meaningful impact!
What to Expect: Starting January 1st through March 31st, 2024, you can contribute to our cause by donating at Sheely's North Lima and Aurora locations. But that's not all - Sheely's has generously pledged to match all donations, doubling the support we can provide to our

veterans. Your generosity will make a significant difference in the lives of those who have served our nation.

Stay Tuned: As we embark on this partnership with Sheely's, we'll keep you updated on more opportunities to donate throughout the quarter. Your continued support and generosity are truly appreciated. Thank you for being a vital part of our Veterans' Outreach family. Together, we can continue to make a positive impact on the lives of our veterans.

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February



Black History Month

National Freedom Day
Feb. 1st

Groundhog Day
Feb. 2nd

Military Discounts

Military Travel Discounts Merchants

Our military members, veterans and families have given so much. There are many merchants want to show their appreciation to these dedicated Americans. This is a list of merchants offering discounts to military, veterans and their families.

Find More Discounts

- Hot Deals
- Freebies for Military
- Dining Discounts

Four Chaplains Day
Feb. 3rd

Boy Scouts of America Founded
1910
Feb. 8th

Lincoln's Birthday
Feb. 12th

Shrove Tuesday
Feb. 13th

Ash Wednesday
St. Valentine's Day
Feb. 14th

George Washington's Birthday
Observed
Presidents' Day
Feb 19th

George Washington's Actual
Birthdate
Feb. 22nd

- Military Travel Discounts
- Military Discount Merchants

[Read All About It→](#)

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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