VET NET Newsletter October 2024



VETERANS' OUTREACH



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

Resilience in the Face of Tragedy Standing Strong for Our Country and Veterans

As we recover from Hurricane Helene that devastated much of Southeastern states, we are reminded of how fragile life can be. Entire roads and areas have been washed away, with families left grieving, and the road to recovery feels overwhelming. In the midst of this tragedy, Veterans' Outreach is here, standing strong for the veterans we serve, delivering crucial supplies and assistance to those affected.

With fears of conflict around the world and uncertainty at home, it feels like everything is shifting under our feet. But through it all, one thing remains true: Americans rise to meet every challenge. For 30 years, Veterans' Outreach has been that beacon of hope, reaching veterans in their darkest moments. We have never wavered, no matter how tough things got, because our mission to help those who served is too important.

In every crisis, we don't just talk about supporting our veterans—we act. That's what defines us. It's our grit, our belief in each other, and our faith that carry us through. Together, we face these hardships, knowing that no

veteran will ever be left to struggle alone.

As we move forward from this disaster, let's remember to lean on each other, to pray, and to trust that we are guided by something greater than ourselves. We'll keep moving forward—stronger, united, and with faith lighting our way.

God bless our veterans, and God bless America!

With gratitude,

John Ely President & Founder Veterans' Outreach

National Day of the Deployed - October 26, 2024

Each year on October 26th, National Day of the Deployed honors the brave United States military personnel who have been deployed around the world, sacrificing so much to defend our freedom. This day also recognizes their families, who face separation and hardships during these deployments, standing strong at home while their loved ones serve.

At Veterans' Outreach, we remain dedicated to supporting deployed service members and their families. We understand the profound sacrifices they make, and we stand in solidarity with them every step of the way.

How to Observe National Day of the Deployed

There are many ways you can honor and support our deployed troops and their families:

<u>Donate to Military Support Organizations:</u> Charitable organizations like us provide critical assistance to veterans in need.

<u>Send Care Packages:</u> Small gestures like care packages can make a big difference. Visit Support Our Troops or similar organizations to learn how you can send care packages to deployed service members worldwide.

<u>Attend Local Military Ceremonies:</u> If your community holds a ceremony honoring deployed service members, attend to show your support and gratitude.

<u>Volunteer Your Time:</u> Consider giving your time to local military organizations or programs like our Freedom Food Pantry and Heroes' Closet. Your involvement helps ease the burdens on military families.

Reach Out to a Military Family: If you know someone with a loved one deployed, ask how you can support them. Even a small offer of help or a kind word can mean so much.

Support Deployed Troops Without Family: Some service members deploy with no

family back home to send care packages or letters. By reaching out through military organizations, you can help provide much-needed support.

We encourage you to join the conversation on social media by using #DayOfTheDeployed to share your support and raise awareness.

A Legacy of Honor

The National Day of the Deployed was established in 2006 by Shelle Michaels Aberle, who worked with then-North Dakota Governor John Hoeven to make the day official. It was the first proclamation in the United States formally recognizing the sacrifices of deployed troops.

This October, let us all remember those who are currently deployed and their families. At Veterans' Outreach, we are here to help. If you know a military family in need of assistance, please encourage them to reach out to us for support.

Together, we can ensure that their sacrifices are recognized and honored every day.

Hurricane Helene Relief Efforts



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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Youngstown Foundation Event Center

Located at Veterans' Outreach, 17 Colonial Drive, Youngstown, OH 44505

Book Your Event Today!

- 4,000 sq ft of space
- Perfect for any occasion
- Kitchen available
- Tables and chairs provided for up to 80 guests
- Available for bookings on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, with some evening availability during the week
- All proceeds benefit Veterans'
 Outreach
- Accessible bathrooms on-site
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Support our veterans and book your event at the Youngstown Foundation Event Center today!









This Veterans Day, we're proud to offer our gratitude and honor to those who have served our nation.

Join us at The Barn for a special Veterans Day Brunch, where we'll pay tribute to our brave heroes.

Space is limited! Reserve your seat now!

Tickets are available at firestone-farms.square.site

or call Carrie at 330.549.2165 option 7

Saturday, November 11th, 2023 \$15 per person

> Reservations Only Veterans, your meal is our humble thanks to you!

10am-Noon Brunch Buffet with Waffle Bar Julian Gray's Catering by Chef Bill Prest

Program at Noon with Guest Speakers Wally King & Brian Kennedy

> All proceeds go to Veterans' Outreach



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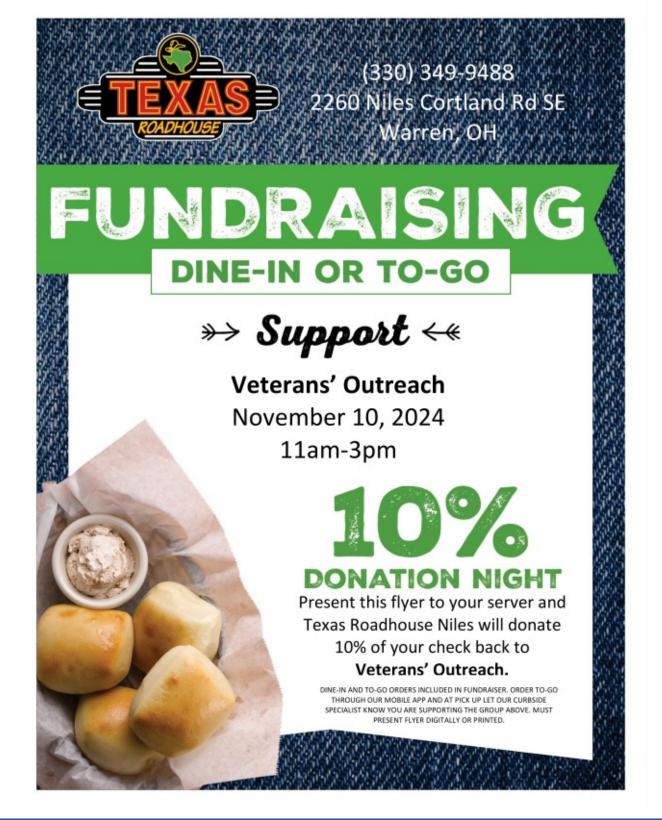
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ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT VETERANS' OUTREACH AND ANIMAL CHARITY

TICKETS \$10.00
(INCLUDES BINGO CARD, COFFEE, HOT DOG, CHIPS AND CHANCE TO WIN A DOOR PRIZE)





Thank You's All Around@

We are thrilled to share the wonderful news of our successful journey through the first half of 2024, made possible by the unwavering support of these organizations, and, of course, all of our readers, donors, and supporters. Your generosity has been instrumental in propelling Veterans' Outreach toward new heights, and we extend our deepest thanks for your continued commitment to our mission.

Thank You to Ohio State Eagles Club #2178!

Veterans' Outreach is deeply grateful to the Ohio State Eagles Club #2178 from Ashland, Ohio, for their generous donation of \$5,000. Your support plays a vital role in helping us continue to serve and support our veterans. We are honored to have you as a partner in our mission and truly appreciate your commitment to making a difference in the lives of those who have served our country. Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

Grant Received from the Trumbull County Commissioners



We are beyond excited to announce that the Trumbull County Veterans Service Commission has generously provided a grant for \$90,000 to our cause. This substantial contribution will be pivotal in expanding our services and resources for veterans in need. The grant underscores the importance of our mission and provides a significant boost to our efforts in making a lasting difference in the lives of those who have served our country. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Trumbull County Veterans Service Commission for their incredible support.

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.

Sheely's Furniture and Appliance





A heartfelt thank you to Sheely's Furniture and Appliance for the fantastic partnership initiated during the first quarter of 2024. The overwhelming response to the survey set the stage for a meaningful collaboration. Their commitment to matching all donations was a testament to their dedication to the well-being of our veterans. Thanks to your generosity and support, the drive, which ran from January 1st through March 31st at Sheely's North Lima and Aurora locations, made a significant impact on our initiatives. We deeply appreciate Sheely's and all who contributed to this successful campaign.

Hollywood Gaming



For years now, Hollywood Gaming at Mahoning Valley Race Course has been a steadfast supporter of ours. We are so grateful for them and their kindness. These much-needed funds go towards renovating our new building location. Thank you, Hollywood Gaming!

Target Circle



We're excited to report the positive outcome of our collaboration with Target Circle. Your votes and support have significantly impacted our cause, allowing us to make a tangible difference in the lives of veterans. Their recognition of our mission's importance means so much. Thank you for being a crucial part of our journey.

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Honoring Those Who Support Our Veterans



We want to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to our GOLFERS and GOLD SPONSORS American Legion Lake Post 737; Cornerstone Caregiving; Crickets Bar; and Western Reserve Orthotics & Prosthetics Centre Inc for their generous sponsorship of our 9th Annual Golf Scramble at Bedford Trails Golf Course!

Thanks to their incredible support, we not only hosted a fantastic day filled with golf, games, and great food but also raised vital funds to continue our mission of serving veterans in need.

Their commitment to our veterans and the community was proudly on display, and we couldn't be more grateful for their partnership.

Stay tuned for more highlights and mark your calendars for our 10th Annual Golf Scramble on September 12, 2025! We can't wait to see you there!

We would also like to thank our hole and basket sponsors! #1 Cochran; A to Z Dependable Services; American Poolplayers Association – APA Warren, OH; Anthony & Pam DeGenaro; AutoZone; Bedford Trails Golf Course & Restaurant; Blackstone Funeral Home; Braydich Dental Inc; Cafaro Foundation; Cunningham Family; Dunkin' Donuts, Struthers, OH; Fin Feather Fur Outfitters; Fraternal Order of Eagles 3298; Flying High Inc; Giannios Candy Company Inc.; Greenwood Chevrolet; HBK CPAs & Consultants; Home Builders & Remodelers Association of The Valley; The Home Depot; Howland American Legion Post 700 Auxiliary Unit; John Phillips Real Estate and Property Management; King Bros. Ready Mix Concrete; Lynn Adams; Mahoning County Veterans Service Commission; Meijer; Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) Youngstown, OH; Modern Wealth Management, LLC; Panera Bread 7685 Market St, Youngstown, OH; Team Office Technologies; The Pavlock Family; and Timmys Pressure Washing TPW

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.

News

October

Breast Cancer Awareness Month Month of October

Ms. Veteran America Pageant Oct. 13

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

Columbus Day
Oct. 14

Military World Games
Oct. 16-22

Day of the Deployed Oct. 26

<u>Navy Day</u> Oct. 27

Halloween Oct. 31

Discounts



2024 Military & Veteran
Discounts Offered by Stores,
Services and Online Sites

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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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