

VET NET Newsletter  
January 2025



# VETERANS' OUTREACH



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

# Veteran Homelessness

Happy New Year to one and all!

This year, we aim to see significant progress in reducing veteran homelessness. Help is on the way, but it has taken far too long. Those who served our country deserve better than to face life on the streets.

Thirty-two years ago, I was shocked to witness the neglect of homeless veterans. Spending time with them revealed the harsh realities they face—a lack of sanitation, shelter, and basic necessities. These conditions lead to sickness, despair, and isolation. It is a grave injustice that these brave men and women have been left to suffer.

Thankfully, there is renewed urgency to tackle this crisis. Across the nation, individuals and organizations are stepping up and saying, "Enough is enough." At Veterans Outreach, our mission has always been to stand with these veterans. Every week, we provide emergency assistance and advocate for long-term solutions to ensure no veteran is left behind.

Every generation has a duty to support our veterans. They answered the call to serve; now it's our turn to help.

Visit [VeteransOutreach.org](http://VeteransOutreach.org) to see how you can make a difference. Together, we can accomplish so much more.

Let's make 2025 a turning point for our veterans. With your support, we can give them the care, dignity, and respect they deserve. God bless our veterans, and God bless all who stand with them.

John Ely  
Founder and President  
Veterans' Outreach

## The Panama Campaign Jan. 31st 1990

The "Panama Campaign" on January 31st, 1990, refers to the end of Operation Just Cause, the US military invasion of Panama which aimed to remove dictator Manuel Noriega from power; effectively concluding with Noriega's surrender to US authorities on this date, marking the end of the military operation in Panama.

Key points about the Panama Campaign:

- Operation Name: Operation Just Cause
- Target: Manuel Noriega, the Panamanian dictator
- Date of Invasion: Mid-December 1989
- Reason for Invasion: To remove Noriega from power due to accusations of drug trafficking and to protect American citizens in Panama
- Key Event on Jan 31, 1990: Noriega surrendered to US authorities



## 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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**17 Colonial Drive, Youngstown, OH**

**10am-4pm**



**VITAL SERVICES**



17 Colonial Drive Youngstown, Oh  
Monday - Wednesday & Saturday 10AM-4PM

# 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
- Call for pricing and availability

[tely@veteransoutreach.org](mailto:tely@veteransoutreach.org)

330-755-5792 x2

Support our veterans and book your event at the Youngstown Foundation Event Center today!



Free to any veteran that comes in for the fight.

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FOR TICKETS AND SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION  
CALL 330.718.1046

THE FIGHT NIGHT SHOW PORTION OF THE EVENT IS  
FREE TO VETERANS WITH PROOF OF ID

## Support For Our Veterans

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



Furnish Your Life.





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!

## 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

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New Year's Day  
Jan. 1st

Martin Luther King, Jr Day  
Jan. 20th

Persian Gulf War Began  
Jan. 17th 1991

Signing of Vietnam Peace  
Accord  
Jan. 27th 1973

Panama Campaign  
Jan. 31st 1990

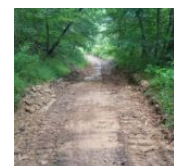


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## Heroes' Passage In Kentucky

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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