

VET NET Newsletter  
February 2025



# VETERANS' OUTREACH



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

A Spectacular Once-in-a-Lifetime Event!

## Six World Boxing Champions Come Together to Honor Our Veterans

Veterans are the backbone of our nation, having sacrificed so much to protect our freedoms. It is our duty to honor and support them in every way possible. That is exactly why “Fight Night” was such a meaningful event—it was more than just a fundraiser; it was a tribute to the brave men and women who have served our country. This incredible event was made possible by none other than World Champion Ray “Boom Boom” Mancini. Ray saw a special segment about Veterans’ Outreach on a local TV station, Veterans’ Voices, which aired on Veterans Day. Our Executive Director, Teri Ely, was featured on the show, sharing our mission and the ways we serve veterans in need. The very next day, Ray reached out to her, offering to host his “Fight Night” event to honor our veterans.

The Ray “Boom Boom” Mancini Foundation orchestrated the event, and it was truly remarkable. Ray invited former world champions, including Larry Holmes, Buster Douglas, Gerry Cooney, Michael Spinks, Micky Ward, and Kelly Pavlik. Each of these champions came together not just for the love of boxing, but to show their deep respect for our veterans.

Ray’s father, Lenny, was also a tremendous boxer—the original “Boom Boom.” However, his career was put on hold when he joined the war effort in 1941. Unfortunately, after returning from service, his injuries prevented him from continuing his boxing career. This deep connection to military service is why Ray holds such profound respect and honor for our veterans.

At Veterans’ Outreach, we have dedicated 31 years to supporting those who have sacrificed for our country. From emergency assistance to ongoing programs that help veterans rebuild their lives, we are committed to giving back to those who gave so much. Events like “Fight Night” help us continue this important mission.

On a personal note, my oldest brother, Richard “Dick” Ely, was a Golden Glove Champion, known as “Sluggo” in Columbus. He grew up in a rough neighborhood and was a fierce competitor. He later joined the Army at just 17 years old. My father, a Pearl Harbor survivor, suffered from PTSD and alcoholism, which made life difficult for our family. Sadly, my brother passed away almost four years ago from Agent Orange exposure.

My brother, “Sluggo,” would have been in his glory—he knew all of those champions. He, like so many other veterans, served with honor and made sacrifices that should never be forgotten.

Veterans’ Outreach is deeply honored to have been selected for this once-in-a-lifetime event dedicated to our nation’s heroes. A heartfelt thank you to Ray, the champions, and his wife, Tina, for making this extraordinary night possible. Most importantly, thank you to our veterans—you are the reason we do what we do.

John Ely  
President Veterans' Outreach

## 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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*Come On In!*

**GREAT FINDS FOR EVERYONE!**

**CLOTHING \* FURNITURE \* ANTIQUES \* & MORE!**

**Sales Benefit Veterans Financial Services**  
**20% Discount to Veterans**  
**Vouchers Available for Veterans in Need by Request**

**Open Monday-Wednesday & Saturday!**  
**17 Colonial Drive, Youngstown, OH**  
**10am-4pm**





**VITAL SERVICES**



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



*15TH-19TH OF FEBRUARY 2025*

# **PRESIDENTS DAY SALE**



**VO DEPOT**  
**17 COLONIAL DRIVE**  
**YOUNGSTOWN, OH**



*ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT VETERANS IN NEED*



# 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!



**12TH ANNUAL**  
**NCAA TOURNAMENT**  
**CALCUTTA AUCTION**  
**2025**



**WEDNESDAY MARCH 19TH, 2025**

**LORENZINO'S BOCCE CLUB | 128 JACOBS RD. YOUNGSTOWN, OH 44505**

**REGISTRATION AT 5PM | AUCTION BEGINS AT 6PM | ADDITIONAL PARKING AVAILABLE ACROSS STREET**

**ALL 64 TEAMS WILL BE AUCTIONED OFF TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER**  
**THE FURTHER YOUR TEAM ADVANCES, THE MORE \$\$\$ YOU WIN!!**

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**92% PAYOUT TO PARTICIPATING BIDDERS**



**8% TO BENEFIT**  
**VETERANS OUTREACH**



**GROUPS &**  
**TEAMS ARE**  
**ENCOURAGED**

**FOOD**  
**AVAILABLE**  
**FOR PURCHASE**



**BUCKET**  
**SPECIALS**

**TEAMS MUST BE**  
**PAID FOR NIGHT**  
**OF AUCTION**



**FOR MORE INFORMATION / QUESTIONS CALL OR TEXT CODY HOLECKO @ 406-529-6621**



**Veterans' Outreach Presents Our  
3rd Annual**

# **STARS AND STRIKES**

**Bowl-A-Thon to  
Benefit Veterans In Need  
Sunday, June 1st 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: \$35 PER PERSON  
BASKET AUCTION AND 50/50 RAFFLE!  
TEAMS OF 4, ALL AGES WELCOME!  
PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

## **RESERVE YOUR SPOTS TODAY!**

**ONLINE: [WWW.VETERANSOUTREACH.ORG/EVENT/STARS-AND-STRIKES/](http://WWW.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](mailto:TELY@VETERANSOUTREACH.ORG)**



# SIGN UP TODAY!

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**TEAM SPONSOR/TEAM NAME:**

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**BOWLERS:**

1. -----

2. -----

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**CAPTAIN & CAPTAIN'S CELL PHONE #:**

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**MAIL THIS FORM WITH CHECK TO:  
VETERANS' OUTREACH  
17 COLONIAL DRIVE  
YOUNGSTOWN, OH 44505**



**ARMSTRONG**  
**STREET SCENE**  
CAR & CUSTOM BIKE SHOW  
**END OF THE ROAD**

STREET SCENE TV      REGISTRATION 10AM-NOON  
LIVE MUSIC      SHOW NOON-3:30PM

DOOR PRIZES      TROPHIES      FOOD  
50/50

**July 20, 2025**  
Austintown Park  
**Rain or Shine!**  
*Come Celebrate Our Last Show With Us!*

## 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.





## Honoring The Ray "Boom Boom" Mancini Foundation

We are truly honored and deeply grateful to The Ray "Boom Boom" Mancini Foundation for their unwavering dedication to our veterans through the incredible Friday Night Fights event. Your commitment to serving those who have sacrificed so much for our country is nothing short of inspiring.

This event was not just a night of entertainment—it was a testament to the power of community, generosity, and the collective effort to uplift and support our veterans. Thanks to your hard work, passion, and the generosity of sponsors, attendees, and supporters, we are making a real impact in the lives of those who need it most. A special thank you to all of our sponsors, supporters, @pavlik.kelly, @larryholmes75, @gerryacooney, @official\_busterdouglasko, and Michael Spinks who made this incredible FIGHT NIGHT event possible. Your energy and love made this night one for the books!

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for your service to those who have served us. It is an honor to stand alongside you in this 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



# HOLLYWOOD Gaming®

MAHONING VALLEY RACE COURSE

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

### February



[Black History Month](#)  
Entire Month of February

[Groundhog Day](#)  
February 2

[Four Chaplains Day](#)  
February 3

[USO Birthday](#)  
February 4

[National Salute to Veteran Patients](#)  
February 9-15

[Valentine's Day](#)  
February 14 (Friday)

### Discounts



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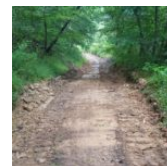
[President's Day](#)  
Third Monday in February (Feb. 17, 2025)

[Coast Guard Reserve Birthday](#)  
February 19

[Ramadan](#)  
Friday, February 28 – Saturday, March 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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