

VET NET Newsletter
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VETERANS' OUTREACH



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

World In Focus

A Historic Step Toward Peace

On Monday, the world witnessed an extraordinary moment in history, the release of all 20 surviving Israeli hostages from Gaza, following a peace agreement brokered by President Donald J. Trump between Israel and Hamas.

Under the first phase of this landmark deal, both sides agreed to an immediate ceasefire, the exchange of prisoners, and the withdrawal of Israeli forces from major parts of Gaza. In return, Israel freed nearly 2,000 Palestinian prisoners, marking one of the largest humanitarian exchanges in modern Middle Eastern history.

President Trump announced the agreement aboard Air Force One, declaring that “the war is over” as he traveled to Israel to witness the hostages’ homecoming. In his subsequent address to the Israeli Knesset, he described the accord as “the historic dawn of a new Middle East,” a chance for peace built on courage, forgiveness, and faith.

The road ahead will not be easy. Challenges remain, from rebuilding Gaza to ensuring long-term stability and security for both Israelis and Palestinians. Yet, this moment stands as a powerful reminder that even after decades of pain and conflict, peace is still possible when humanity leads the way.

For us at Veterans’ Outreach, this event carries deep meaning. Our mission has always been rooted in service, compassion, and unity. As we celebrate 31 years of helping America’s heroes, we are reminded that the pursuit of peace, whether across oceans or within our own communities, is worth every effort.

“Peace does not mean an absence of conflict; it means the ability to handle conflict by peaceful means.”

— President Ronald Reagan

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God.”

— Matthew 5:9

May this historic step toward peace inspire us all to continue serving, healing, and believing in a better tomorrow.

31 Years of Serving Those Who Served

This month, Veterans’ Outreach proudly marks 31 years of serving America’s heroes. What began as a simple act of faith and compassion — with no funds, just a calling to help — has grown into a powerful mission touching the lives of countless veterans across the nation.

Our Outreach Program has always been at the heart of what we do. Many of the veterans who serve as fundraising greeters are older veterans themselves. They greet the public with pride and gratitude, helping us raise the funds that fuel our mission — while also earning modest pay that helps them make it through each month. Their dedication is an inspiration and a reminder of what it means to serve long after military duty ends.

Keeping our mission going is no small task — it takes hard work, creativity, and strong community support. Each year, we host and participate in more than 50 special events, many of which are generously sponsored or organized by businesses, schools, churches, and individuals who believe in what we do. These events come in all shapes and sizes: from unforgettable boxing matches featuring world champions, to elegant country club dinners with live music, tattoo conventions, golf outings, car shows, motorcycle runs, auctions, bingos, McDonald's pie sales, Rotary sandwich fundraisers, and so much more.

Each event — no matter how large or small — plays a vital role in helping us meet the needs of our veterans. Without these partnerships and the compassion of our community, we simply couldn't do what we do.

We are also proud to lead in providing support through programs like our Freedom Food Pantry, Direct Aid, and Hero's Closet. Together, these services offer food, clothing, household goods, and emergency assistance to veterans and their families facing hard times. Our food pantry alone distributes 400–500 boxes of food each month, making a real difference for hundreds of households across the region.

Our Stand Down events are another cornerstone of our outreach — providing veterans in need with essential supplies, clothing, and resources. This year, we've helped hundreds of veterans through these events, often investing thousands of dollars to ensure they walk away with dignity and support.

From special events to daily acts of service, every effort we make is guided by one mission: to serve and honor those who have served us.

After 31 years of growth and perseverance, we continue to move forward with faith and determination. We invite you — our readers, supporters, and friends — to stand with us as we work toward even greater heights.

If you would like to donate, host an event, or volunteer your time and talents, please visit VeteransOutreach.org or contact me directly at jely@veteransoutreach.org.

Your involvement keeps this mission alive — and together, we can continue making a difference for the men and women who gave so much for us.

To Serve and Honor,
John Ely
President & Founder
Veterans' Outreach

Our Programs For Veterans

Over the last 31 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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tely@veteransoutreach.org

330-755-5792 x2

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



VETERAN STAND DOWN

WHERE:

**LISBON LIONS CLUB
38240 INDUSTRIAL PARK RD.
LISBON, OH 44432**

WHEN:

**TUESDAY OCTOBER 21,
2025**

TIME: 12PM-2PM

PLEASE BRING A PHOTO ID AND PROOF OF VETERAN STATUS

***SERVICES WILL BE LIMITED TO COLUMBIANA COUNTY VETERANS
ONLY***

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Veteran Goes All Out For Halloween



Support For 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, Giant Eagle!



Veterans' Outreach is honored to receive a \$1,000 Giant Eagle gift card donation to support our mission of serving veterans in need.

We are deeply grateful for Giant Eagle's generosity and commitment to giving back to those who have served our country. Partnerships like this help us continue to provide essential support to veterans and their families.

Thank you, Giant Eagle, for standing with our heroes!

Thank You, Texas Roadhouse!



We are filled with gratitude for the generous support we've received from Texas Roadhouse in honor of our mission to serve veterans. Their unexpected kindness and commitment to giving back to the community have deeply touched our hearts.

Donations like theirs help us continue our work, meeting the urgent needs of veterans and their families with dignity, respect, and compassion. Whether it's food, housing

support, or essential services, every bit of help strengthens our ability to make a real difference

Thank you, Texas Roadhouse, for standing with our heroes. Your generosity reminds us that great things happen when community and purpose come together.

Thank You, Redstone Arsenal



Veterans' Outreach is honored to have been selected as a recipient of the Redstone Arsenal Military & Civilians' Club (RSAMCC) Community Assistance Grant for 2024–2025! Thank you, RSAMCC, for awarding us \$1,500 to support our Veterans Empowerment Initiative in Hartselle, AL. Your generosity helps us continue providing vital services to veterans in need, including emergency assistance, employment support, and personal development programs. We are deeply grateful for your support and belief in our mission.

Thank You, Walmart Foundation!



Veterans' Outreach is deeply grateful to the Walmart Foundation for their continued generosity and unwavering commitment to veterans in need. Their support has allowed us to expand our programs and services, providing crucial assistance to those who have served our country. With their help, we can ensure that veterans receive the care, stability, and resources they deserve. Thank you for making a real difference!

A Heartfelt Thanks to TCC Gives!



We extend our sincere appreciation to TCC Gives for their generous support of our mission. Their contributions have directly impacted the lives of veterans by helping us provide essential aid, from food and housing assistance to emergency financial relief. TCC Gives' commitment to giving back strengthens our ability to serve those who have sacrificed for our freedom. Thank you for your kindness and dedication!

Disabled American Veterans Charitable Service Trust



Charitable Service Trust

Donor Spotlight: DAV Charitable Service Trust

Empowering Hope with a \$25,000 Grant

Veterans' Outreach is proud to recognize the DAV Charitable Service Trust's incredible generosity and unwavering commitment to veterans. We are honored to have received a \$25,000 grant from the Trust to assist veterans facing critical challenges. This impactful contribution will directly support essential services, including:

- Emergency financial aid
- Housing and utility assistance
- Food and nutrition programs
- Medical expense support

Thanks to the DAV Charitable Service Trust, we can expand our reach across our registered service states and provide hope, stability, and dignity to veterans in need. From all of us at Veterans' Outreach, and the many veterans whose lives will be touched, thank you to the DAV Charitable Service Trust for being a true force for good.

Meijer's Generosity is Changing Lives!



A special thank you to Meijer for their incredible generosity and dedication to supporting veterans in need. Through their contributions, we are able to provide vital services that uplift and empower those who have served our nation. Meijer's commitment to community impact is truly inspiring, and we are honored to have them as a partner in this mission. Together, we are making a lasting difference!

CSX: Driving Support for Our Veterans



We are incredibly grateful to CSX for funding a portion of the Veterans' Outreach Empowerment Initiative. Their support ensures that veterans receive life-changing assistance, including housing, food, medical aid, and emergency relief. CSX has a long history of standing with veterans, and their generosity helps us continue our mission of providing a hand up, not a handout. Thank you, CSX, for your dedication to those who have served!

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





Donor Spotlight: The Youngstown Foundation Fuels Our Mission!

We are thrilled to share some exciting news—The Youngstown Foundation has generously awarded Veterans' Outreach a \$30,000 grant to help us purchase a brand-new box truck for our donation pick-ups!

Thanks to their incredible support, we were able to purchase the truck last week, and we're already hard at work designing a custom wrap that will proudly represent our mission as we serve the community.

This box truck is a game-changer for us. It allows us to more efficiently collect essential donations—furniture, food, clothing, and household items—that directly support veterans and their families. With more space, better reliability, and improved visibility, this truck will help us reach more veterans in need than ever before.

To The Youngstown Foundation: thank you from the bottom of our hearts for investing in our work. Your generosity helps keep our wheels turning and allows us to continue honoring and assisting those who served.

Stay tuned for updates as we unveil the truck's new look soon!

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

October

Discounts



Breast Cancer Awareness Month
Entire Month of October

Yom Kippur
October 1 – October 2, 2025

Ms. Veteran America Pageant
October 12

Columbus Day
October 13

U.S. Navy (USN) Birthday
October 13

Day of the Deployed
October 26

Navy Day
October 27

Halloween
October 31



Discounts For Veterans

- 1-800-flowers -- 20% off. Verify identity with ID.me.
- Apple -- 10% off select items. Verify identity with ID.me.
- AT&T -- Multiple discounts on wireless, TV, and internet services.
- Bass Pro Shops -- 5% off.
- Columbia -- 10% off. Verify identity with ID.me.
- Costco -- Over \$60 in savings when you join as a new member. Verify identity with SheerID.
- Delta Airlines -- Discounted fares. Must call for military fares.
- Gap -- 10% off on the 1st of every month.
- Home Depot -- 10% off.

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To find even more discounts, you can check out websites like [ID.me Shop](#), [DAV : Disabled American Veterans](#), and [U.S. Veterans Magazine](#).

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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