

VET NET Newsletter  
April 2026



# VETERANS' OUTREACH



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

Platinum  
Transparency  
2026

**Candid.**

### **Honors College Students Support Veterans' Outreach**

Veterans' Outreach was honored to be approached by Youngstown State University's Dr. Mollie Hartup to participate in a special project opportunity for students in the Sokolov Honors College.

A curated list of meaningful project options was developed for students to choose from, each designed to directly support our mission of serving local veterans.

We are especially proud of the six Honors College students who selected Veterans' Outreach and dedicated their time and talents to strengthening our organization. Their work reflects not only academic excellence but a genuine commitment to making a difference in the lives of those who have served.

These students will present the results of their efforts at the YSU Community Engagement Symposium on April 10th, showcasing the impact of their contributions and the value of community partnership.

We are deeply grateful for their dedication, as well as the opportunity to witness the passion and innovation these students bring to supporting our mission. Their work helps reinforce the strength and integrity of our organization as we continue serving veterans in our community.

We also extend our sincere thanks to the Community Engagement Symposium Planning Team for providing this platform to celebrate meaningful collaboration and service.

John Ely, President & Founder

### **YSU Honors College Students Support Veterans' Outreach**

As a part of the YSU Sokolov Honors College, we as students are given the opportunity to choose an organization to volunteer at. After looking through the different organizations, we ultimately felt that there was one name that stood out in particular: Veterans' Outreach. As a group, we decided to help support Veterans' Outreach so that we could give back to those who have served to protect our nation, while also make a meaningful impact within our community here in Youngstown.

During our time at the complex, we first met with the man who started it all, John Ely. He introduced himself to us and shared the story of the history of the organization, explaining what started it all and how it has grown to what it is today. The impact of his story resonated with us and gave us a deeper understanding of our purpose while volunteering at Veterans' Outreach.

Our objective as volunteers was to help spread awareness of available furniture and other household items within Building 19. We photographed donated furniture—including tables, chairs, dressers, and other items—and posted them on Facebook Marketplace. Through our efforts, the organization hopes to be able to raise funds while also clearing out Building 19, with the goal of putting the space to use in the future.

Overall, this experience allowed us to contribute to an amazing organization by supporting their mission of helping veterans in need. We are all extremely grateful for the opportunity to give back to the community and the connections we made along the way.

Please visit [veteransoutreach.org](http://veteransoutreach.org), and feel free to reach out with any questions or inquiries: [Jely@veteransoutreach.org](mailto:Jely@veteransoutreach.org)

Please get to know us. Get involved.  
To serve is an honor.

John Ely  
President & Founder, Veterans' Outreach  
Veterans' Outreach Corporate  
17 Colonial Drive, Youngstown, Ohio 44505  
[www.veteransoutreach.org](http://www.veteransoutreach.org) | (330) 755-5792

## Veterans' Outreach Awarded 2026 Platinum Seal of Transparency

Veterans' Outreach is honored to announce that we have earned the 2026 Platinum Seal of Transparency from Candid, the highest level of recognition a nonprofit can achieve for accountability and openness.

This designation reflects our long-standing commitment to doing things the right way—serving veterans with integrity, stewardship, and respect. The Platinum Seal ensures that our supporters, partners, and the public can clearly see how Veterans' Outreach operates, how resources are used, and the real impact being made for veterans and their families.

For more than three decades, Veterans' Outreach has remained focused on one mission: never turning our backs on veterans in need. Earning this seal affirms that our work is not only driven by heart, but guided by responsibility and transparency.

We invite you to visit our Candid nonprofit profile to learn more about our programs, leadership, and impact:  
<https://app.candid.org/profile/7081231/veterans-outreach-22-3272976?>

To our donors, volunteers, and community partners—this recognition belongs to you. Your trust, dedication, and belief in our mission make everything we do possible. Together, we remain committed to honoring service, strengthening lives, and standing up for those who once stood for us.

Platinum  
Transparency  
2026

**Candid.**

## 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**.

[Read More →](#)



*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

# 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

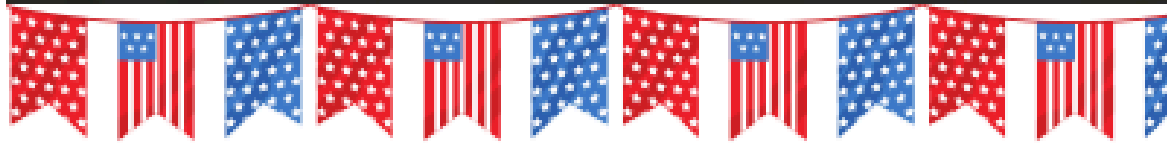
[tely@veteransoutreach.org](mailto:tely@veteransoutreach.org)

330-755-5792 x2

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



## Events



# **HELP SUPPORT OUR VETERANS: NON-PERISHABLE FOOD DRIVE & PET FOOD COLLECTION**

**“Saving Our Seniors” of Mahoning Valley in collaboration with Home Instead and First Light Home Care to gather non-perishable food items for local veterans and their pets.**

**APRIL 1, 2026 - JUNE 30, 2026**

## **Drop-Off Locations:**

**Home Instead**  
**657 E. State St., Suite 2,**  
**Salem, OH 44460**  
**P: 330-729-1233**

**First Light**  
**4390 Mahoning Ave,**  
**Youngstown, OH 44515**  
**P: 330-318-3234**



**“Saving Our Seniors”  
of  
Mahoning Valley**



# *Pinstripe* PALOOZA 3.0

CHARITY EVENT

APRIL 11<sup>TH</sup> | 10AM - 3PM

**GRILL & CHILL**

STARTS @ NOON  
WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

**AUCTION**

STARTS @ 2:30PM

ALL PROCEEDS FROM THE AUCTION AND  
GRILL & CHILL TO BENEFIT

**VETERANS'  
OUTREACH**



The areas BEST pinstripers will be at  
YOUNGSTOWN HARLEY-DAVIDSON for this  
awesome CHARITY event!

**YOUNGSTOWN  
HARLEY-DAVIDSON**



*Pinstriping by  
Steve*





Mahoning Chapter DAR and Mahoning Valley SAR

are hosting their sixth annual

# Veterans Charity Golf Classic

## Youngstown Country Club

### May 18, 2026

Space is limited to 104 golfers, payment reserves your spot! Sign-In 9 am

For questions, call Marty Campana at 330-503-2013 ★ MahoningDAR.com

### Sponsorship Levels:

★ ★ **PATRIOT: \$3,000** Presenting Sponsor - Represented on all event materials, logo on our banner, name at the tee box, sign at hole #18 and a foursome of golf

★ **RED: \$2,000** Naming Sponsor - Represented on all event materials, logo on our banner, name at the tee box, sign at hole #18 and a foursome of golf

★ **WHITE: \$1,000** - Signage at oasis spot and on golf flyer, hole sponsor sign, foursome of golf

★ **BLUE: \$700** - Hole sponsor sign, foursome of golf

★ **HOLE SPONSOR: \$150**

### \$150 Single Golfer

Includes: Chick-fil-A Breakfast Sandwich, Cart, Golf, Beverage Station, Skilled Prizes and Dinner Buffet

**Don't Golf? Come at 2pm for music, basket drawings, silent auction and other festivities.**

**Dinner buffet at 3pm, all for just \$45!**

**Hole in One Contest sponsored by #1 Cochran Chevrolet Buick GMC**

**Chick-fil-A donated by Tiffany Square Plaza**

Golf Balls sponsored by **ATHLETIX**

Company / Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Players (if unknown, please note "Guest")

Golfer 1. \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer 2. \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer 3. \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer 4. \_\_\_\_\_

I can't attend, but please accept my contribution of \$\_\_\_\_\_

I would like to donate this item for the auction:

Make checks payable to Mahoning Chapter, DAR

P.O. Box 14115, Poland, OH 44514

# AMERICA'S 250<sup>th</sup>

## MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND HOMETOWN HEROES CONCERT

*Starring country music artist*

# RICKY LEE



**SAT MAY 23RD 1PM-4PM**  
**Food Trucks • Raffle**

**Proceeds donated to  
Veterans Outreach of Ohio**



CARROLLTON, OHIO



- free event, donations accepted

### 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 the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution



We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution for their generous \$2,500 donation to Veterans' Outreach. This meaningful gift will be used for Direct Aid, helping us provide immediate support to veterans and their families when they need it most. From essential supplies to critical assistance, contributions like this make a real difference in the lives of those who have served our country.

We are grateful for organizations like the Daughters of the American Revolution who continue to honor the spirit of service and patriotism by supporting our nation's veterans.

Thank you for standing with us and for helping us continue our mission.

## Thank You to TCC



Veterans' Outreach is deeply grateful to the TCC for \$2500. This support assists us to be able to serve and support our veterans.

## Thank You, Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley



Veterans Outreach sincerely thanks the Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley for their generous \$5,000 grant supporting our Direct Aid Program. This funding helps us provide timely, essential assistance to veterans and their families during moments of urgent need. We are grateful for their continued commitment to strengthening our community and supporting those who have served.

## Thank You to Northwood Realty Charitable Foundation!



Veterans' Outreach would like to extend our deepest gratitude to the **Northwood Realty Charitable Foundation** for hosting the **Thanks for Giving Purse Bash** to benefit our mission.

Because of their incredible effort and generosity, the event raised nearly \$15,000 to support veteran housing needs. This remarkable impact was made possible by their dedication, hard work, and belief in the mission of helping those who served.

We are proud to recognize the Northwood Realty Charitable Foundation as an outstanding community partner and sponsor. Their contribution will make a meaningful difference in the lives of local veterans.

Thank you for standing with Veterans' Outreach!

## 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, 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!

## **Disabled American Veterans Charitable Service Trust**



**Charitable Service Trust**

### **With Gratitude to the DAV Charitable Service Trust**

Veterans' Outreach is incredibly grateful to the DAV Charitable Service Trust for their generous support through a \$35,000 restricted grant awarded to our Veterans' Outreach Empowerment Initiative.

This funding will directly support the work we do every day, providing case management, supportive services, and financial assistance to at-risk veterans and their families. It allows us to step in when it matters most and help create stability for those who have served our country.

Support like this makes a real difference. Because of the DAV Charitable Service Trust, we are able to reach more veterans, meet more needs, and continue standing in the gap for those who need us most.

Because of your support, we can continue showing up for veterans and their families when they need it most, thank you for helping make that possible.

## **Thank You to Ohio State Eagles Club #2178!**

Veterans' Outreach is deeply grateful to the Ohio State Eagles Club #2178 from Ashland, Ohio. 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 Fuels Our Mission!



We are proud to highlight the tremendous support of The Youngstown Foundation, whose generous \$30,000 grant made it possible for Veterans' Outreach to purchase our box truck, an investment that has already transformed the way we serve veterans.

The truck has now been fully wrapped, and the finished design is absolutely beautiful. Even more importantly, it has been in active use for months, quickly proving to be an incredible asset to our mission.

This truck allows us to efficiently collect essential donations, furniture, food, clothing, and household items, that directly support veterans and their families. Its capacity, reliability, and visibility have strengthened our outreach efforts and expanded our ability to respond to the needs of the community.

To The Youngstown Foundation: thank you for helping fuel our mission. Your generosity continues to make a meaningful impact every single day, mile after mile.

## 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

[April](#)

[Discounts](#)



**Month of the Military Child**  
Month of April

**Military Saves Month**  
Month of April

**Gold Star Spouses Day**  
April 5

**National Former POW  
Recognition Day**  
April 9

**Air Force Reserve Birthday**  
April 14

**Army Reserve Birthday**  
April 23

**National Military Brats Day**  
April 30

**VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars)** members receive exclusive discounts on travel, retail, insurance, and health services (vision/hearing) through [VFW Member Benefits](#). Key offers include savings on [Bridgestone/Firestone tires](#), KCBS BBQ memberships, and [financial planning](#). The VFW also provides free VA claim assistance and [Unmet Needs grants](#) up to \$2,500.

[Read More →](#)

## 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.



[Read More →](#)



[Veterans' Outreach](#)



**Ohio**  
**Corporate**  
17 Colonial Drive  
Youngstown, OH 44505  
Phone: 888-2VETNET  
Fax: 330-755-5930

**Alabama**  
807 Midway St.  
Hartselle, AL 35640  
P: (256) 778-3266  
F: (256) 778-03267

**Florida**  
5650 Park Blvd. N  
Ste. 3  
Pinellas Park, FL  
33781  
P: (727) 317-3712  
F: (727) 317-3713

**Kentucky**  
512 E. Main St.  
Grayson, KY 41143  
P: (606) 475-0216  
F: (606) 475-0217

**New York**  
P: (888) 283-8638  
**West VA**  
P: (888) 283-8638

Veterans' Outreach | 17 Colonial Drive | Youngstown, OH 44505 US

[Unsubscribe](#) | [Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)



Try email marketing for free today!