



Patriots of Valor

"For You have armed me with strength for the battle..."
Psalm 18:39

An Outreach of



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Veteran Christmas Outreach Program

As a part of our newest outreach to provide a financial Christmas blessing to two New Jersey based Veterans, we were able to touch the lives of two special Veterans.

Here, I'm pictured giving one of our Challenge Coins and a check in the amount of **\$1,500** to George Ford, a 91 year old Army Veteran. George served in Korea right after the "Conflict" ended. While there, he and another soldier became best friends. His friend, Lawrence Sloan, was killed in an accident while doing electrical work. When George returned home, he married and had 3 children. While his life was blessed, George suffered greatly from Survivor's Guilt. Here he had a wife, family, home (with a picket fence) while his friend would never have any of that. He still cries at that memory.



George spent decades trying to find out where his friend was laid to rest, and just recently was provided the information from the DOD informing him that his friend was in a cemetery in Oklahoma – he carries with him the picture of the headstone.

Now retired for over 30 years, he is helping to take care of his wife who is battling Stage 4 cancer. Just her chemo port and first round of chemo costs \$750 per treatment. George teared up when I handed him the check and said "This will cover two of the treatments for my wife."

I asked George if he would like to give a message to the many Veterans who read this newsletter. He said simply: "Tell them **Romans 8:31** – "If God be for us, who can be against us?"

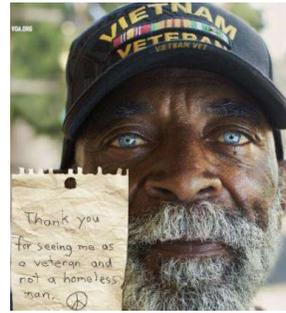
Our other Veteran recipient was a lady Navy Veteran who served 10 years. Due to the sensitive nature of her story, we are not publishing it or providing any pictures. She, too, was presented with one of our Challenge Coins and a check for **\$1,500**. She also was interested in our PTSD program materials which we happily supplied to her.

I did ask her if she would like to also share something with our Veteran readers. She wrote: "Once again, thank you for blessing my family's Christmas. I would love to share the message of faith with my fellow veterans. No matter what hardships we face, always put our trust in the Lord. One of my favorite scriptures is **Philippians 4:13** – "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."





Operation Boots To Stockings



Each year, we have ***Patriot Angels*** who help us with items beside the stockings or holiday bags.

Patricia Guidi (my sister) works all year to make beautiful (and warm) scarves. This year she made 24 of them. John Banda provides us with hats (also warm) which he makes.

We always decide where they are best suited each year. With the early onset of very cold weather, we thought there would be no better places to send them than Minnesota and South Dakota.

I contacted Ryan, the House Manager at **Bravo Zulu House** in Minnesota. He wrote: *I certainly can't say no to such a generous offer! We have a few guys from places that rarely see snowfall, so I'm sure they'd be particularly grateful. Twelve would suffice for a while, I'd assume. That would allow us a few in storage for any new residents who come in during these frigid months, who may arrive without proper cold-weather gear.*

So...we packed a box of scarves and hats and sent them. Upon arrival, Ryan wrote: *Perfect timing! You must have known a winter storm was hitting us tonight! Ben & Hunter extend their utmost gratitude. We have a couple other residents returning later this month who will surely be delighted to find a hat & scarf awaiting them in their rooms.*

He was kind enough to send this picture with Ben and Hunter displaying both hats and scarves. Stay warm guys!

Special Backpacks provided to ***Patriots of Valor***



Early in the year, we were approached by **Whiting-Turner Contracting Company** regarding our backpacks.

They were interested in providing us with them for distribution to our homeless Veteran community.

Mr. Dave Nicholson, Superintendent, worked to purchase and fill 12 of these heavy-duty, military style backpacks and donated them to us. They will receive a good home in 2026.

