

Remembering Our Veterans (Copy 01)

Campaign Preview



Building Up our Veterans

As we head into the Memorial Day weekend we are focusing our attention on the work that Church Army Captain Bob Wyatt (pictured below) is doing with Veterans in Brunswick Maryland.





Most of us who are friends of the Church Army understand that the health of our souls, our minds and our bodies are connected. Most of us are blessed to have strong communities of faith that surround us with brothers and sisters who can speak honestly into our lives. However, what of those who are estranged from families, either biological families or faith families? Where can they go to find that community of support?

Building Veterans is a long-term residential program that is providing life-changing tools to help veterans and a small number of non-veterans learn to thrive post the co-occurring recovery from addiction and PTSD.

The primary tool used in Building Veterans is a program called Thriving Post Trauma. Thriving Post Trauma teaches the participants strategies to help them deal more effectively with the normal difficulties of life. It also helps “stretch” our brains to use the natural plasticity to “heal” some of the very real physical damage caused by unresolved trauma. It is Church Army's desire to share this training with churches so that they can start their own residential peer recovery communities.





Success Stories

Gary left the Army in his fifth year of service after overdosing on the painkillers originally prescribed by Army doctors. The Army gave Gary a dishonorable discharge, stripping him of any VA benefits. At that time, a doctor said he would never be able to remember anything for more than a few minutes and would never be able to work again. Today Gary is sober, drug free, and working full time while taking courses at a local college and maintaining a 4.0 average. He's doing all this to get his certifications to be a physical fitness trainer.

Jay, a Marine veteran, was homeless for many years after receiving an honorable discharge. He came to Building Veterans three years ago. His explosive anger and years of addiction made work impossible. Today Jay is working all around town as a handyman. He is also helping other veterans who enter the Building Veterans Program understand that PTSD and addiction are soul-destroying diseases, but recovery is possible.

John, a Viet Nam veteran, suffered for 45 years with migraine headaches. He started attending classes on Thriving Post Trauma five years ago. He slowly realized he was having fewer headaches. He no longer uses any prescribed painkillers and is having less than one headache a month.

Because Building Veterans relies on the Holy Spirit's power to change lives, the work that they are doing has given them a greater level of success than similar, secular ministries. Their recidivism rate is much lower and government officials are noticing the difference. We praise God for his work among our veterans through Bob and Building Veterans!



We thank Bob and our veterans for their service to God and our country!

Last Chance For Banquet

This is the last chance to sign up for our banquet on May 31 at St. Stephen's Anglican Church in Sewickley. See flyer below and email Lisa Faulkner at frf1933@gmail.com today!





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