

IN HONOR OF OUR VETERANS

Bandon-area veterans gather for a photo in the BHS gym



Photo by Amy Moss Strong

Front row from left:

Harry Stephens, Navy, 1962-68; **Charles Salt**, Navy, 1946-48 and USAF Reserves, 20 years; **Bill Fitch**, Army, 1968-70; **Don O'Neill**, Army Air Corps, 1943-45; **Carmen DeFranco**, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, 1953-1958; **Paul Patterson**, Army, 1986-92; **Joseph Bain**, Navy, 1964-68.

Second row from left:

Robert Wilson, Army, 1950-52; **Jens Andersen**, Coast Guard, 1964-68; **Gary Wiesner**, Navy, 1964-68; **Fred Fawbush**, Navy, 1961-67; **Wayne Barber**, Army, 1950-76; **Nan Sands**, Air Force, 1976-84; **Gary Sands**, Army, 1971-77; **Richard Alexander**, Air Force, 1955-77; **Gail Dahl**, Air Force, 1973-93.

Third row from left:

Joe Eno, Air Force, 1966-70; **Lanny Boston**, Oregon Nat'l Guard, 1966-75; **Henry Schlyper**, Marine Corps, 1964-1970; **Randy Brown**, Air Force, 1966-70; **Preston Wayte**, Marine Corps, 1967-1974; **William Henry**, Navy, 1973-75, Army, 1994-98; **Donnie Wise**, Air Force, 1971-1993; **Joe Addair**, Air Force, 1963-87.

Fourth row from left:

Jonathon Park, Army National Guard, 1993-present; **William Ritenour**, Army, 1968-70; **H. Elton Harris**, Army, 1953-56; **Kristy Bowman**, Navy, 1964-65; **Tom Goss**, Marine Corps, 1966-70; **Jerry Hettenbach**, Air Force, 1963-86; **Chad Wilkinson**, Navy, 1985-2005; **Tracy Wilkinson**, Navy, 1989-1997.

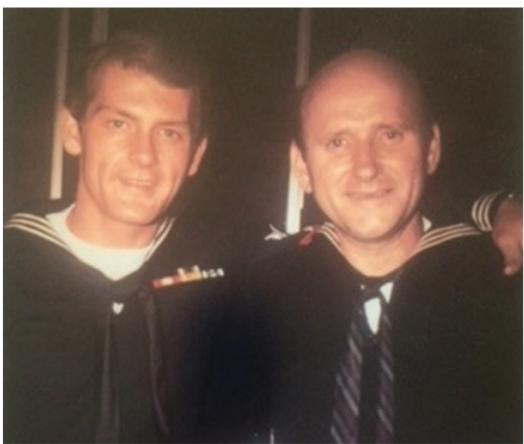
Fifth row from left:

Jerry Earls, Air Force, 1969-76; **Deb Earls**, Navy, 1975-79; **Juana Bell**, Marine Corps, Air Force Reserves, 1983-90; **Bill Humphries**, Army, 1966-68; **Bill Bush**, Army, 1963-66; **Erin Albertson Neuman**, Air Force, 1999-2005; **Scott Albertson**, Air Force, 2004-present; **Adam Wehner**, Coast Guard, 2000-2005.

Sixth row from left:

James Peake, Air Force, 1977-83; **William Kudo**, Navy, 1967-68; **Steve Burnett**, Army, 1968-70; **Mike Hahn**, Air Force, 1965-87; **Bill Smith**, Air Force, 1967-71.

To those veterans not pictured, We appreciate your service and honor you.
To those veterans no longer with us, We will always remember.



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Staff Sergeant 1982–1992



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1976–1980



THEODORE C. CLOUSER
Petty Officer 1st Class (*U.S. Navy*)
1952–1972



ANNIE GRAYSON
Combat Medic (*U.S. Air Force*)
Master Sergeant E-7 1998–2019



DAN HOLMEN
Coast Guard
1962–1968



KRISTI JENSEN
Air Force
1982–1986



ELLIE KEELAND
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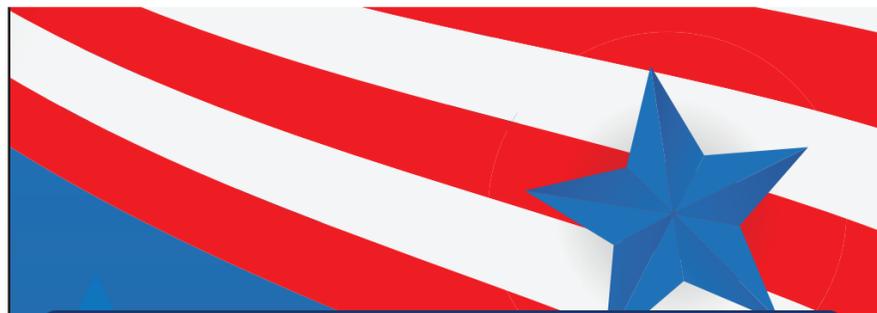
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How to show your support for veterans

Supporting veterans is a worthy endeavor at any time of year, though such efforts tend to be more prominent in November. Veterans Day is celebrated annually on November 11 in honor of the millions of individuals across the United States who are military veterans. The day coincides with holidays such as Armistice Day and Remembrance Day, which are celebrated in other countries and also honor military veterans.

There's no denying that veterans need the support of the people whose freedoms they protect. According to a 2021 study from researchers at Brown University's Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, the percentage of veterans with disabilities is significantly higher among post-9/11 veterans (40 percent) than it was with veterans from previous eras (25 percent for Gulf War I veterans and 13 percent for veterans of previous wars). Veterans can benefit from support legislated by elected officials in Washington, D.C., but there's also many things ordinary citizens can do to show how much they appreciate the sacrifices veterans and their families have made and will make in the years to come.

• Visit wounded veterans. The United States Census Bureau reports that more than one-third of the nearly 3.8 million men and women who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces since September 2001 have a service-connected disability. Many of these individuals are fighting to overcome physical injuries sustained while on active duty. Individuals who want to show

their support for veterans can contact their local VA facility to arrange a visit to wounded veterans. Such visits can lift veterans' spirits and reassure them that their sacrifices are both acknowledged and appreciated.

• Support legislation that supports veterans. Though it might seem like a no-brainer, legislation to support veterans often faces an uphill battle to get passed. By supporting legislation that ensures veterans get the support they need, individuals can send a message to veterans that they haven't been forgotten and that the very democratic principles they fought to protect are alive and well. Citizens can write letters to their elected

officials, urging them to support veteran-friendly legislation, and raise awareness of bills and laws through social media.

• Help raise awareness about homeless veterans. Data from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development estimates that approximately 40,000 veterans are homeless on any given night. But that figure doesn't tell the whole story, as the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans notes that, over the course of a year, roughly twice that many veterans experience homelessness. The NCHV believes that programs to assist homeless veterans should focus on helping them reach a point where they can obtain and

sustain gainful employment. In addition, the NCHV feels that the most effective programs are community-based, nonprofit, "veterans helping veterans" groups. Individuals can offer their support to such groups through financial donations or other means so they can continue to ensure no veteran sleeps on the street.

Veterans Day is a time to show veterans that their service and sacrifices are not taken for granted. Visiting wounded veterans and supporting efforts to ensure veterans get what they need to live full, healthy and happy lives is a great way to send the message that veterans are appreciated.


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2005–2008



ZACHARY WALKER
Specialist, Infantry (U.S. Army)
2005–2009



**TECH SGT GREGORY RICHARD
"RICK" GEARHART**
US ARMY 1971-73, ARMY NATIONAL
GUARD 1975-76, 1991-92
AIR NATIONAL GUARD 1992-2010 116TH ACS
/ 270TH ATCS



PFC JESSE C GEARHART
MEDICAL DETACHMENT #26
1918-1919



**FIRST SGT ROBERT LEE
BATEMAN**
US ARMY 1965-1981
VIETNAM VET
BRONZE STAR RECIPIENT

Charities whose missions support veterans, active military and their families

The support Americans have for their armed forces is evident in how much they donate each year to charities with military-related missions. According to Charity Navigator, Americans donate more than \$2.5 billion annually to charities with missions dedicated to the military.

Individuals who want to donate to a charitable organization with a military-related mission may not know where to start, and that can be daunting given the number of organizations that fit that criteria. Charity Navigator indicates there are more than 40,000 American charities with military-related missions, which underscores how difficult it can be to find one to support. Thankfully, Charity Navigator, which has provided donors with free access to data, tools and resources to guide their philanthropic decision-making since 2001, has curated a list of highly rated organizations that provide a variety of services to military members and their families. The following is a brief rundown of that list that can serve as a solid foundation for prospective donors. The full list can be found at charitynavigator.org.



Wounded Troops

- Air Warrior Courage Foundation (airwarriourcourage.org)
- DAV (Disabled American Veterans) Charitable Service Trust (cst.dav.org)
- Fisher House Foundation (fisherhouse.org)
- Higher Ground (highergroundusa.org)
- Homes for Our Troops (hfotusa.org)
- K9s for Warriors (k9sforwarriors.org)
- Operation Second Chance (operationsecondchance.org)
- Wounded Warrior Project (woundedwarriorproject.org)
- Yellow Ribbon Fund (yellowribbonfund.org)

Military Social Services

- AMVETS National Service Foundation (amvetsnsf.org)
- Hire Heroes USA (hireheroesusa.org)
- Honor Flight Network (honorflight.org)
- Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America (iava.org)
- Operation Gratitude (operationgratitude.com)
- Operation Healing Forces (operationhealingforces.org)
- Soldiers' Angels (soldiersangels.org)
- The Mission Continues (missioncontinues.org)

Military Family Support

- Army Emergency Relief (armyemergencyrelief.org)
- Blue Star Families (bluestarfam.org)
- Children of Fallen Patriots Foundation (fallenpatriots.org)
- Folds of Honor (foldsofhonor.org)
- Operation Homefront (operationhomefront.org)
- Our Military Kinds (ourmilitarykids.org)
- Travis Manion Foundation (travismanion.org)
- VFW National Home for Children (vfnationalhome.org)



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