

Veteran Outreach Journal

Commitment to Our Veteran Citizens



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PROGRAM

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FVOP VISION

Improve the well-being of Veterans, their families, and the Veteran community in honor of their service to our Nation.

FVOP MISSION

The AMAC Foundation Veteran Outreach Program (FVOP) serves to connect Veterans and Veterans organizations to resources through the promotion of continued patriotic service, mental and emotional health resources, transition assistance, and Veteran small business support through collaborative partnerships. By building alliances with similarly dedicated support organizations and individuals nationwide, we share supportive information on programs, relevant policies, and emerging legislation.

FVOP OBJECTIVES

The [AMAC Foundation Veteran Outreach Program \(FVOP\)](#), in collaboration with related support organizations nationwide, will serve to educate and inform American Veterans on programs and policies that will improve their lives in honor of their service to our Nation.

The Foundation's initial focus for this collaboration will center on:

- Encouraging patriotic service
- Veteran suicide prevention
- Veteran transition to civilian life
- Veterans in small business

We welcome the expertise, focus, and mission of all collaborators and collaborators.

COLLABORATOR EFFORTS

Our collaborators are always busy working towards achieving their organization missions and within the FVOP network. Each effort is positioned to help America's Veterans and their families, no matter how big or small.

Active collaborators in Q3 include:

- Jason Beardsley, CV4A
- Gerry Hafer, AMAC Foundation/FVOP
- Keith Kiefer, NAAV
- LTCOL Allen West, Committee to Support & Defend
- Tracey Miller, ACRU

- Chief Patterson, Military-Veterans Advocacy
- Joleen Teninty, AMAC Foundation
- Michael Tennity, AMAC Action, Veteran
- Molly Brooks, Hero's Bridge
- George Whorton, Sons of the American Legion - Squadron 347, Lady Lake, FL
- Dr. Pam Arnell, 22Zero
- Michael Carmichael, Check-A-Vet
- Connor Martin, The Charles Group

FVOP EFFORTS & WINS

• NDAA Discussion - On [September 19 NDAA joint venture support letter between National Association of Atomic Veterans and AMAC Action](#), suggesting additional categories of personnel to be covered under the Act. The production of the joint support letter is a prime example of the FVOP benefit.

• Joint interaction on PRESUME Act with AMAC Action / Military Veterans Advocacy.

• 2 interaction opportunities for AMAC Action / AMAC Foundation to take in inquiries and respond, 1 of which was also referred to Hero's Bridge for possible further networking.

INSPIRATION

One of our FVOP Collaborators, an AMAC Member, and Air Force Veteran, Mr. Keith Kiefer, was awarded an Atomic Veteran's Commemorative Service Medal on the 13th of September 2023.

The ceremony was held at the McNamara Headquarters Complex Visitors Control Center. Mr. Kiefer was an honoree and participant in the ceremony. Keith noted that while the ceremony honored approximately 2,000 medal recipients, there are thought to be about 550,000 Veterans eligible for it.

• Press Release - [Defense Dept Announces Atomic Veterans Commemorative Service Medal](#)

• View the [Medal Ceremony](#) on YouTube. Mr. Kiefer is the National Commander for National Association of Atomic Veterans ([NAAV](#)).

OPPENHEIMER MOVIE

If you haven't seen it yet, the recent Oppenheimer movie presents an opportunity to

educate the public on the general issue of using nuclear warfare, including the specifics associated with RECA and the NDAA.

I believe as a citizen and a patriot serving our country is an oath and a lifelong promise. At age 17, I swore an oath to the constitution on my first day at the Naval Academy, and I have always considered that a lifelong commitment till death do us part.

Douglas J Ross

PATRIOTIC SERVICE

There are Veterans in our workforce, network, and advocacy programs that are concerned with the current state of our military. From recruitment efforts, discharge rates, and other ways to maintain patriotic volunteerism, interest, or constitutional integrity, there are several avenues we can come together to reach the community - young and old!

To highlight patriotic service, an interview was coordinated by AMAC Action's Michael Teninty between AMAC Foundation and AMAC Chapter Leader, Douglas J Ross. Doug shared his military journey through the Navy and post-transition philosophy and efforts to maintain and continue his patriotic service to our country. Read his full story on AMAC Foundation's website: [FVOP - Continued Patriotic Service](#)



Douglas J Ross, Continued Patriotic Service

Supporting Veteran transition to civilian life

Our servicemembers that are beginning the transitioning phase need to establish/Re-establish connections where they are retiring at least 1 year prior and will need to maintain those connections throughout the process. The single largest cause of suicide in the military/veteran community is the loss of belonging. Establishing the relations early will jumpstart the new brotherhood that the transitioner will need to survive the first year.

David Conley, on military transition

ARTICLES

- LTC Allen West, with [ACRU](#) and [Committee to Support and Defend](#), graced us with his writing elegance, for his Memorial Day Article, - [Increased Devotion](#)
- AMAC Action's Michael Teninty, wrote several articles focused on FVOP objectives.
 - [Oath of Office](#)
 - [Mental Health & Military Service.](#)
- June featured articles geared to Flag Day and the history / flags of each branch of the services.
- Thank you to Jason Beardsley for his recognition of July 4th - [Independence Day Reflections](#)
- In August, there was a focus on military transition needs, struggles, and tips.
 - [Military Transition Challenges](#)
 - [Putting on the Transition Uniform](#)
 - [Transitioning with Your Military Family](#)

CONNECT

• George Whorton received [VA SAVE program certification](#), enabling him to better recognize a Veteran in need and understand how to approach a Vet in crisis!

• **For Veterans Database** - AMAC Foundation houses over 2,000 individual entries of [Veteran Resources](#) on the For Veterans section of the AMAC Foundation website. There is the ability to choose categories or search keywords. If you have specific needs or suggestions, please send to veteranoutreach@amacfoundation.org.

LEGISLATIVE WATCH

Several FVOP Collaborators are looking out! These bills are or have been on the radar for one or more organizations in the FVOP network .

- H.R. 2986 (Helping Everyone Access Long Term Healthcare Act or the HEALTH Act)
- 118-S.1745 - Protecting Veteran Community Care Act
- 118-H.R.4566 (PRESUME Act) - To amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from requiring evidence of a certain dose of radiation to determine that a veteran is a radiation-exposed veteran, and for other purposes.

ON THE HORIZON

Important Upcoming Dates

- Navy Anniversary October 13th.
- Marine Corps Anniversary November 10th.
- Veterans Day November 11th.

National Warrior Call Day

H.R.535 - Expressing support for the designation of November 12, 2023, as "National Warrior Call Day" and recognizing the importance of connecting warriors in the United States to support structures necessary to transition from the battlefield

Veteran Voices - The FVOP

team enjoys receiving stories that we get to add to the Honorable Mentions section



22Zero's Mission

PTSD is an injury that can now heal just as quickly as it happens. Our approach works. We are seeing results daily among veterans (all branches of the U.S. Military), first responders (LEO, 9-11 Dispatch, FF, EMS), spouses and minor children living in the home, and Gold Star Families, at no cost to mission clients, from America.

Why We Do What We Do

We believe there is a better way to deal with traumatic emotions and negative emotions affecting our day-to-day lives. We developed the Tactical Resiliency Process (TRP) which is the heart of our interventions. They are the Trauma Resiliency-Protocol (TRP) and the Emotions Management Process (EMP).

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of the AMAC Foundation and FVOP Veteran Outreach Journal. If you have a story to share about yourself or a loved one's service, please submit to our [Veteran Voices link](#).

Help A Veteran - November will be dedicated to helping a Veteran in honor and recognition of Veterans Day. If you have a story to share on how you helped a Veteran in your community, please share through our [Veteran Voices link](#).

VETERANS URN COMMUNITY

MISSION:
Provide a dignified permanent resting place to any qualified Veteran and their family

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Contact:
The Villages Wood Shop (501 c)(3)
704 Oak Street, The Villages, FL
352.751.0513 | <http://www.thevwc.org/>
-OR-
Sons of the American Legion (501 c)(3)
699 West Lady Lake Blvd Lady Lake, FL 32159
352.750.2099

Veterans
4 Ways to Start Your Job Transition

- Plan as early as possible**
As soon as you know you will be transitioning out of the military, start to plan. What comes next? Education? New Career? Need a Certification? This will reduce stress as the time approaches.
- Job Search**
The job search will help identify what jobs are great matches to skills and interests. The job search can begin as you write the resume - these are coordinated exercises at the beginning stages of the job search and transition.
- Write Your Resume Immediately**
The resume is the main tool in networking and connecting with others in a job search. Hands down, this is the tool that gets the interview when applying. For many, translating military to civilian lingo will be a challenge, but don't give up!
- Network**
Connect with friends and colleagues who already transitioned and make new connections with others who may provide references or have a strong network in the job search field or industry of preference.

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