

## COMMITMENT TO OUR VETERAN CITIZENS

## VETERAN OUTREACH JOURNAL

AMAC Foundation Veteran Outreach Program

## 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.

## VETERAN OUTREACH AND SUPPORT: FVOP TEAM PROMOTIONAL EFFORT

Beginning 9 May 2024, FVOP collaboration has worked to develop and publish a series of short promotional videos to share with the group. Recording is completed now and the final product is being finished by the AMAC Inc. creative staff. Please watch our social media and websites over the next month to learn more.

## WHITE STAR FAMILIES

## AN EFFORT TO REMEMBER VETERANS LOST TO SUICIDE

A collaboration begun between Check A Vet and AMAC Action formed to promote the symbol of a white star to remember American Veterans lost to suicide has lead to the following request:

Please *share this symbol*, the white star, on black, on red on your websites and social media; and help build a cultural momentum using it to bring attention, awareness, and help to the issue of Veteran suicide. This image was generated by the FVOP Team and is free to use for all FVOP collaborators.



## LEGISLATIVE WATCH

The following is a snapshot of US bills or policies that were watched by FVOP Collaborators this quarter. Although not all will require additional action, these were researched, discussed, support letters were distributed, or other relevant action may have been taken.

- Radiation Exposure Compensation Act ( [S.3853](#) )  
- [NAAV](#) & AA
- GUARD VA Benefits Act ( [S.740](#) ) - [MVA](#) & AA



## ACTIVE FVOP COLLABORATORS

The following organizations collaborate together in the FVOP to support our American Veterans. We hope this list gets a lot longer! Please visit the following websites, learn what these great partners are doing to take care of our national heroes:

[22 Zero](#)

[Check A Vet](#)

[Heroes Bridge](#)

[Military Veteran's Advocacy \( MVA \)](#)

[National Association of Atomic Veterans \( NAAV \)](#)

[Non-Commissioned Officer's Association \( NCOA \)](#)

[Northern Virginia Veterans Association \( NOVA \)](#)

[Sons of the American Legion](#)

## LINKS

Do you know a Veteran who needs help?

[Click Here](#)

Do you have a question about the FVOP program and/or collaborators?

[Click Here](#)

Do you know a Veteran with a story to share?

[Click Here](#)

## VETERAN VOICES

Recognizing the service and sacrifice of:

***Edward Burns Sr. of Hamilton, OH***

***US Army, E-5***

*1/327th 101st Airborne infantrymen; 82nd Airborne Ft Bragg; Enlisted aide to General Blackburn*

***Gerald Griffin of Middleton, WI***

***US Navy***

*Gerald is a national treasure. He is an Atomic Veteran. He was born in 1936 and entered the Navy in 1955. He was assigned to the USS Marapi that sailed the Asia Pacific, where he was exposed Nuclear Radiation blasts. He served for over 20 years. He is now 87 years old. Gerald lived most of his life in California, but due to his declining health, his younger brother is moving him near family in WI. (submitted by family)*

***Edgar Krabbe of Carbondale, IL***

***US Army***

*Served in 105th Army troop as a Private.*