

The Forgotten Veterans

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In 2006, Bishop Joseph Miller took a leave of absence from the Orthodox Catholic Archdiocese of New England and the Eastern States. He secured a conversion bus and began traveling to natural disasters to assist in recovery efforts. On one of those missions, the bus caught fire, leaving him in need of emergency surgery. After surgery at the Buffalo, NY V.A. Medical Center, he was transferred to the Canandaigua, NY V.A. Medical Center. He was then placed into the domiciliary program for a total of 88 days. At the center, he saw the need for advocates for homeless veterans and shifted his charitable focus to encompass this.

A disabled veteran himself, this was a natural transition. He has proudly served in the NY Army National Guard, U.S. Air Force and the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. In November of 2007, he returned to Florida to establish the headquarters of The Forgotten Veterans. We are an advocacy service helping homeless veterans, at any stage of need we find them in, providing food, clothing and personal care needs and guiding them to the great programs available to them. We bring them back out of the shadows and help them restore their lives.

Countless veterans have walked through our doors. Some we've had to coax and prod. Let me assure you, be it pride or pain, convincing some of these tough old birds to accept help is a challenge in and of itself! They have faded into the background, living under bridges, in the woods, abandoned houses and wherever they can find. Many seem to accept this as their life without knowing the resources and programs available to help them. That is where we come in. We literally go get them and walk them through the steps they can take to see that their needs are met.

In accordance with the old saying, "Put your money where your mouth is", The Forgotten Veterans are proud to say that no donations or grants were used in the upstart of this program. It is now time for expansion, time to reach more veterans in need. We are ready to take services on the road once again. With greater mobility, we can help veterans across the country.

For mobile services, we are in need of another bus to replace the one lost in the fire. We envision our bus with a wrap depicting the greatness and great sacrifice of our military men and women, a symbol of pride and strength they know and trust. Please take a moment to consider our endeavor. If you see a way that you can help us with this proposal, let us know. We are a registered non-profit. All contributions are tax deductible, and beyond appreciated.

Certainly you see a fair number of requests for assistance. Your time and consideration for ours is appreciated. We are a solid, dedicated mission. Our perspectives are simple. They volunteered to go into the trenches for us ... now we go into the trenches for them.

Let them know they are Not Forgotten!

Warmest regards,
Bishop Joseph Miller

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