

Malta VETERANS Appreciation Program – 2017

Our 2nd Year Success Stories



Bruce, a Vietnam Veteran with a down syndrome daughter, desperately needed a handicap ramp and a new front porch. MVAP volunteers teamed up with Rebuild Together Saratoga to answer the need.

Lumber was donated by Rebuild Together, MVAP, and Downrange Motorcycle Club/Ballston Spa American Legion. A 30 yd dumpster was donated by County Waste and tarps donated by Allerdice.





Dave Wallingford, Purple Heart Marine introduced us to Stan, a WWII Veteran with 39 Years of Army under his belt had recently been hospitalized. His mobile home was covered in storm debris on the roof and beginning to show signs of decay. He was bothered by the downed tree limbs and leaves all over and around his home and yard. Unable to continue to do this type of work, MVAP Volunteers, Tracy Gates and her 11 yr old daughter, Morgan , Mike McLoughlin and Renee Farley showed up early one morning while Stan & his 87 year old wife sleeping and cleaned off the roof & manicured his lawn. We cannot even begin to express how happy

Stan's face was when he awoke and came out to meet us. Thank you Stan, for 39 years of service. Anyone wishing to help maintain Stan's lawn please contact us at MaltaVETS@gmail.com or 518-577-8863. We could really use your help.

Jen Cleary, a local Attorney, donated her time to help Ted, a WWII Vet and his wife with a deep cleaning of their home. Ted had been hospitalized and takes care of his wife. While recovering they were unable to maintain their home. Jen graciously spent a day spring cleaning their home which really perked up the couple, It meant a lot to them. If anyone would like to donate their time doing spring clean- up outside/inside their home. Please contact us. It would make a great family project to "adopt" these WWII families.



Once again, we helped with the Leatherstocking HONOR FLIGHT, which takes our Heroes to Washington DC for a life altering experience!



This is Everett on Honor Flight in DC. It is with sadness that we lost Everett this year, he is dearly loved and missed. His children are purchasing a Brick for the Memorial Walkway to be dedicated this Spring at the Malta Town Hall. Anyone wishing to order a Brick in honor of a Loved One, please contact MVAP. You do not have to be a Vet or a resident of Malta. You can purchase a Brick or anyone living or deceased.

And we cannot for Ray. MVAP Volunteers provide weekly transportation to kidney dialysis. Thank you to ALL of our many volunteers that take care of our Special Veteran. He considers you “family”, your dedication to him is amazing!

Korean VET Ted was in need of assistance. His daughter reached out to MVAP. A “Call to Action” was then answered by Bryan Haas, Retired Military US Army & Veteran Mike Forcilli. and over the next weeks did several projects to assist Ted with interior and exterior repairs. And Let us not forget Christmas! MVAP Volunteers made homemade candies and breads, etc. and sang carols door to door to unexpected Veterans. The tears of Joy and appreciation was overwhelming to those who participated. Please sign up to join us next year! ...”Priceless”....

Female Veterans Doris Principi found out about us at a Veterans Luncheon at Panzas this year. She took us up on obtaining transportation to get her bloodwork done. She broke down in tears when we came to her home to sing to her. Anyone who would like to stop in and check on Doris during the day/week please contact us.



Veteran Mike’s car broke down and he could not transport his wife and children anyway. A car was donated to him and Mike was back on the road! Shortly after, that old car needed some help itself. A rusted strut was donated by Lakeside Auto & Marks VW took care of all of the labor. The strut had punctured the tire so Northeast Fire Protection Services purchased two new tires, brought them to Marks VW and he installed them. A team effort of Volunteers and Mikes family is back on the road! Thank you!



Mary Alice, Vietnam Veteran was making very little and hardly supporting herself, She was in need of a computer to assist her job search and staying connected. STA Saratoga Technology Accelerator answered the call and repaired her old computer. Thanks STA!

A new Refrigerator for Emerson and his wife was donated by Danielle Major, a real estate client of Renee Farleys. They had to tie the door shut and it did not keep the food cold. They also needed a new safe Stove so MVAP raised money to purchase one. Emerson was so happy to finally have a COLD glass of milk!

LOCAL UNIONS, Bricklayers & Craftworkers, Sheetmetal Workers, Bonded Concrete, Local 2, Local 83 & others united to excavate, build, pour Veteran Ray a new, safe sidewalk. A 2-day job during Thanksgiving, we cannot express Rays gratitude to these outstanding unions and men and women!





MVAP holds Fundraising Events such as our Annual Golf Tournament, Frank Sinatra Night, Cigar Bourbon Bash and other events to raise necessary funds to provide services to our Veterans and their families.

We are desperately seeking volunteers for events, fundraising, projects, cooking, transportation or just folding flyers for us, etc. Corporate Sponsors are also needed.

MVAP also collects furniture, bedding, dishes, etc. for Veterans and also the Guardian/Vet House for homeless Veterans as they launch out on their own. We also collect medical supplies, such as wheelchairs, hospital beds, etc. for Veterans as they need them. Carver Construction has donated a storage facility for MVAP to store them in as needed. Thank you Carver!



ADOPT a Family for Christmas Project! – Six days before Christmas, a young military couple—both active-duty National Guard—were struggling with money problems that made it difficult to afford gifts for their two children, who are 5 years and 8 months old. A Call to Action went out & within minutes they were aided by donations of diapers, Price Chopper cards, Visa gift cards, Childrens clothing and toys during the holiday season. Jeans, shirts, sweaters were also needed. They said it was one of the best Christmas they could remember. This family still needs ongoing assistance if someone would like to Adopt them.

When this Vietnam Veteran went to inspect his truck and it failed they told him to scrap it. Ole Yeller had been in the family since the 90s. Unable to afford a new vehicle or qualify for a loan, he reached out to MVAP for help. GOVAL Welding, a Vet himself, proudly took on the Call to Action. Welding Ole Yeller back together and putting this Army Vets smile back on his face...thank you GOVEL! All year long, situations like those arise suddenly for local veterans and military families.

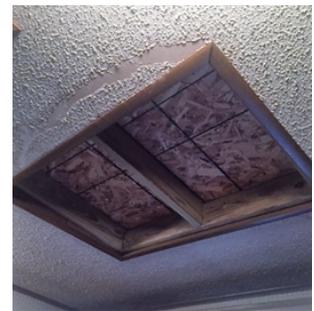


Malta is now a PURPLE HEART Community! Thank you to our Soldiers and our Veterans for your unselfish sacrifices so we can enjoy our Freedoms! -

After New Year's Day, Farley personally intervened in the case of Leroy, the veteran whose heating system was somehow compromised in the midst of the cold spell. Two volunteers crawled under his mobile home in frigid temps and put a band aid on it until warmer weather but to allow LeRoy to have heat this winter. We are in need of Flex Ductwork and someone to install it and insulate it in the Spring.



A Roof Leak caused MVAP to remove this skylight and now in need of someone to fill in and repair this hole in his ceiling. His rotted front porch steps need pressure Treated wood on them in the spring as well. This next Veteran is a self-employed contractor. His tools were stolen off a jobsite and he was out of work. MVAP provided a \$500 gift card to help start replacing his tools. In the meantime as he was without tools and work, he could not afford propane so the pipes froze in his mobile home. Town Councilman, Craig Warner, and co-chair of MVAP, awards the cert to Mike.



We reached out to Robert Long of LONG ENERGY who reached out to Mike of MAIN CARE ENERGY and the two propane firms, donated propane to Mikes home to help him get back on his feet. Isn't it wonderful that we have loving kindness as displayed by these companies?



"Adopt a Family" was a huge success! Active Duty Sgt. Jason & wife, (who is in the National Guard) were in financial trouble trying to make ends meet. Looking for a lower rent & struggling to support a 5 year old boy and an 8 month old baby, they reached out and MVAP responded, Bryan Haas (former Ranger) collected diapers, clothes, gifts, Price Chopper cards & more from around the entire Capital region from those who responded to our "Call to Action" to adopt this family at Christmas. There needs go on after the holiday, so if anyone would like to adopt them for a month (or your office, Church, etc.) can also adopt. Please contact us.

ORDER YOUR LOVED ONES BRICK TODAY, RUNNING OUT OF TIME FOR THE 1ST INSTALLATION IN MAY!

