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WELCOME *from the* BOARD *of* DIRECTORS

Welcome to the Veteran's Outreach Ministries' first quarterly magazine publication. Frequently, this ministry is referred to as VOM. We hope that you enjoy reading through these articles, and begin to understand that God's agape love for us will never end. As veterans we constantly are fighting wars to preserve what we cherish; family, freedom, and our faith in God and Country. These wars are fought on land, at sea, in the air, and inside of all of us.

Although a war can be thought of for its finality, or the winner, or the loser, there is an internal horror that strikes at the heart and soul of some Veterans. These are the horrific effects of war that remain forever inside them. Through HIS, Jesus Christ's, suffering and dying on the cross, the war for our eternal salvation, was won.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16)

Through God's unfailing Love the war within one's self can cease, and you will be healed from your pain and suffering. By believing in God who is our FATHER and that all things are possible through HIM. The goal of Veteran's Outreach Ministry is to spread the word of God to veterans and their families seeking comfort from their pain. Through this ministry our prayers are for all to find peace through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

In the VOM magazine we welcome articles, upcoming events, nominations for Veteran of the Quarter and information about services to help veterans and their families. We also welcome suggestions that will help improve our magazine. Veterans Outreach Ministries in Delaware was started in April 2014 by veterans for veterans and their families as well as for the local community. VOM was incorporated as a 501 (c)(3) corporation in July 2014 in the State of Delaware.

Thank You!

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- 1.** Delaware veterans can get a veteran's ID for discounts at many local stores at the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV). Go online or visit the DMV for more information. In Delaware, veterans can get a license plate that identifies them as a veteran.
- 2.** If you are a Maryland resident you should visit the Maryland Vehicle Administration (MVA) in the county where you are located, or go online, for information on license plates and identification cards.
- 3.** Delaware veterans can also be buried in veteran cemeteries in each county in Delaware. Call or email the local

DE Veterans Affairs Office for more information. Maryland residents should visit the local MD Veterans Affairs Office for more information.

- 4.** For IDs, Delaware requires you to be a current resident of the State of Delaware and having DD-214 discharge papers. Other information may also be required by the Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs.
- 5.** Boscov's department store will also give veterans a 15% discount on all purchases. You must go to customer service on the 2nd floor and show your veterans ID card. The discount is good for that day.



What is a Veteran?

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Throughout my travels assisting veterans, I'm often asked, "What is a veteran?". Some agencies define veterans based on whether they were active duty, in the reserves, or served with the National Guard. Some definitions rely on how many days a person was activated for training or deployment. Then some definitions focus on character of discharge, such as Honorable, General, or Dishonorable.

I cannot provide an inclusive definition but I can share my personal definition of a veteran. It is derived from the greatest veteran I ever met, my father. You see, he served during the Korean War and his experiences shaped my veteran observations. He told me he was proud to defend our nation even if it meant giving his life. My father accepted his draft notice, not complaining about training at bases in the segregated south or about the long ship ride to Korea that left him sea sick daily. No complaints because he understood his purpose, to be a good soldier because our country required his service to defeat an enemy.

"True" veterans are rare jewels whose commitment to our nation was instrumental in maintaining our freedom.

He told me of friendships, training, and positive experiences acquired from an Army at war. My father repaid those lessons by displaying our nation's colors in front of our home for all to see. This was rare because the U.S. flag was not a known entity in our lower social-economical urban neighborhoods. My father minded me that our nation made it possible for him, and subsequently me, to succeed.

Unfortunately my father, my lifeline, passed away recently but I'm lucky. I'm lucky because he witnessed my thirty years of service to our nation as an American Airman. I'm lucky because we were able to share stories of dual Korea assignments and of military changes. I'm lucky because his existence shaped my veteran definition.

So what is a veteran?

For me, a veteran is someone who willingly swore to defend our country, knowing it could mean their life. A veteran is someone who accepted military circumstances, good or bad, and utilized them to make themselves stronger. A veteran is someone who proudly recalls their time in service highlighting it through patriotic displays.

"True" veterans are rare jewels whose commitment to our nation was instrumental in maintaining our freedom. I ask that you acknowledge them because you'll never know when their presence will become extinct. With that being said, I want to thank my pop for being a veteran and for the many life lessons he taught me.



A Spiritual Message: Worth Your Salt

By Tom Hogate

Roman soldiers were paid in silver coins. In addition, they received an additional amount for buying salt, which in Latin is called *salarium argentum* (salt silver). It is from this term that our English word “salary” is derived. A person who is worth their salt has performed his/her

duties to a standard deserving of the pay they received. Jesus, in his typical way of using everyday things to teach, called his disciples “the salt of the Earth” (Mathew 5:13). In other words, we are all held by God to a standard. This standard is that we be “worth our salt”.

This standard is not just that we put in an honest day’s work for an honest day’s pay. The standard is also that we are expected to be a true disciple of Jesus (in our words, actions and lifestyle) just like the salt is expected to be salty. If you have ever had a salt “substitute”, you know it is bitter and not as satisfying as the real thing.

> BE THE REAL THING.





VETERAN *of the Quarter*

The veteran of the quarter is Herb Mosses, a native of Philadelphia PA, where he currently resides. Herb served in the U.S. Army as a grade E-4 from 1971 to 1972 and was stationed in Quan Tri Vietnam.

After his tour of duty was completed, Herb was a campus police officer at the University of Pennsylvania, while attending nursing school. He became a nurse at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital and after graduation was in the Addiction Service Unit for 15 years.

Because of the effects of Agent Orange while serving in Vietnam, he retired from nursing and has volunteered to help veterans understand what benefits they are entitled to and how to obtain them. His interest is in keeping current with VA affairs and events. He also attends veterans meetings when possible and vacations in Maryland at his campsite.

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