



## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

AMVETS (American Veterans)

AND

MERCY MEDICAL AIRLIFT

SUBJECT: Enhance Support for Our Nation's Healing Heroes and Their Families

1. **PURPOSE:** To establish a memorandum of understanding (MOU) that describes the parameters of association between AMVETS and the Mercy Medical Airlift and to serve as acknowledgement by the Mercy Medical Airlift of the availability of services provided through the AMVETS, in order to expand outreach support to OIF/OEF Healing Heroes and their families.

2. **BACKGROUND:** Both parties recognize the value of a relationship that will enhance our capabilities to provide additional services and support for our OIF/OEF soldiers and their Families as they go through the healing process.

- a. AMVETS – Healing Heroes program
- b. MMA – Air Compassion for Veterans

3. **RELATIONSHIPS:**

- a. The AMVETS National Department will establish the lines of communication with Mercy Medical Airlift and will serve as the conduit for the AMVETS Departments and Posts.
- b. MMA will be promoted as a program that can enhance the AMVETS Mission.

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4. DISCLAIMER: AMVETS is prohibited from unconditionally endorsing any other organization, event, product, service or enterprise. Both parties recognize that this memorandum of understanding is not of that intent and, that it is not intended to violate any existing laws, regulations, or policies of either party.

5. RESPONSIBILITIES:

a. AMVETS shall:

- (1) Provide the MMA an updated list of State/Department Headquarters and Points of Contact.
- (2) Advise MMA staff and volunteers of the ability to share informational materials such as bulletins, brochures and newsletters, where applicable, as a means to provide information regarding MMA (Air Compassion for Veterans) activities, programs, initiatives, and special community events in local areas of AMVETS members and their families.
- (3) Inform AMVETS members of the opportunity to liaison with MMA and/or provide financial assistance to enhance the quality of service for OIF/OEF soldiers and their families.
- (4) Make referrals to MMA, when necessary, from the Healing Heroes program.
- (5) Inform MMA of the various programs available to them and their constituents through the AMVETS.
- (6) Provide link from the AMVETS Web site to the MMA and ACV web sites.

b. Mercy Medical Airlift shall:

- (1) Provide a list of MMA Programs and points of contact to all AMVETS Departments to include contact information for their representatives.
- (2) Encourage all MMA to promote community support for AMVETS Healing Heroes program.

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- (3) When possible provide charitable or charitably assisted medical air transportation for OIF/OEF soldiers and families being assisted through AMVETS Healing Heroes program.
- (4) Encourage MMA staff and volunteers to provide information on AMVETS relationship activities.
- (5) Provide link from the MMA Web site to the AMVETS Web site.
- (6) Encourage the use of AMVETS National Service Officers as a vehicle to assist any veteran or their dependants in obtaining state or federal entitlements.

6. RENEGOTIATION/TERMINATION OF THIS MOU: The effective date of this agreement is as of the signing below and will remain in effect until terminated by either party.

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Edward R. Boyer  
Mercy Medical Airlift, President and CEO

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John P. “JP” Brown, III  
National Commander  
AMVETS (American Veterans)

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