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WISHING ALL A HAPPY VETERANS DAY

Formerly known as Armistice Day, this holiday has roots dating back to the end of World War I. In the 1930s, it was officially recognized as one of the 10 federal holidays in the United States. While initially established to commemorate the end of World War I, Veterans Day now serves as a tribute to all veterans who have bravely served in conflicts throughout history.

As we observe Veterans Day, let's extend our deepest gratitude to the courageous men and women who have selflessly dedicated themselves to our nation. Their sacrifices, dedication, and commitment to preserving our freedom serve as a profound source of inspiration for us all. Today, we come together to honor and celebrate the veterans among us, recognizing the invaluable contributions they have made to our country. Take a moment to reflect on their service, which has bestowed upon us the freedoms we cherish today, and express heartfelt thanks for the sacrifices they've made to safeguard the principles we hold dear. Happy Veterans Day!



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AMVETS x Humana

Honoring Margie's Dedication

Margie, a valued member of the Humana family, has dedicated four years to the company, making a significant impact through her compassionate efforts. Here's a glimpse into some of Margie's noteworthy moments within the organization:

One standout moment was when Margie assisted a Vietnam veteran's wife in pinning her husband with the "50th Anniversary" Pin, commemorating the Vietnam War, even as he lay on his deathbed. This touching act symbolized not only respect for the veteran's service but also showcased Margie's commitment to honoring the sacrifices made by our nation's heroes.

Another impactful initiative led by Margie was her involvement in helping homeless veterans reconnect with essential contacts, aiming to lift them off the streets and provide a renewed sense of hope. Margie's dedication to making a difference in the lives of those who served our country has truly set her apart.

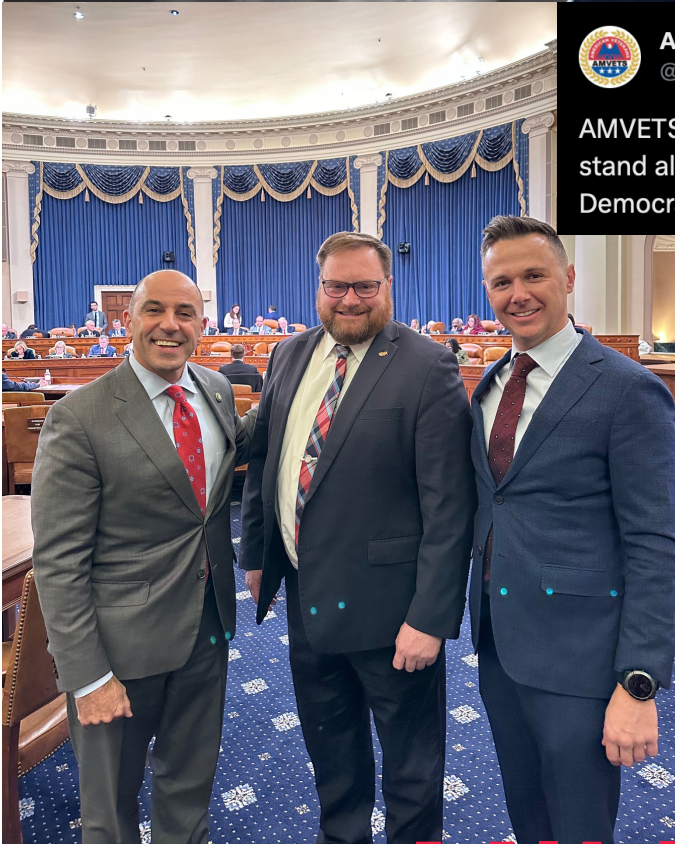
In a heartfelt response to the question about her motivation, Margie shared, "I am able to make my own choices today. They fought for my freedom of choice. They were supported by their families, which helped them push forward. I am sincerely in awe of the men and women who put the United States above their own welfare." Margie's 'why' reflects a deep appreciation for the sacrifices made by veterans and a profound desire to give back to those who have selflessly served our nation.



Recently, Margie was honored with the "Boots on the Ground" award for her unwavering dedication and hard work. This recognition is a testament to her commitment to Humana's values and her impactful contributions to our community. Margie's story is not just about the time she has spent with Humana; it's a narrative of compassion, service, and gratitude that continues to inspire us all.



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AMVETS National Executive Director Joe Chenelly and Justin Brown stand alongside Representative Panetta, who serves as the lead Democrat for the VETT Act. [#VETTAct](#) [#AdvocacyInProgress](#)

"Veteran service organizations are integral to supporting those in our communities who served our country in uniform, but that mission is being held back by outdated classifications in our tax code," said Rep. Panetta. "I'm proud to introduce this bipartisan, bicameral, commonsense legislation to ensure that charitable contributions to these organizations are tax deductible. This way our federal tax code could incentivize and encourage Americans to continue supporting organizations that serve those who served America."



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MILITARY TIMES

"We cannot afford to lose more lives while navigating bureaucratic processes," he said. "We need swift, decisive action that puts the well-being of our veterans at the forefront," said Bill Clark, national commander at AMVETS

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POST ACTIVITIES:

Pictured above, AMVETS, Auxiliary members of DC-8, and National Commander Bill Clark visits the Senior Citizen/Homeless housing in DC.

The homeless veteran outreach in Erie PA, was a great success. PA Dept. Veteran Service Officers, FSB and Allegheny Valley Veteran Center went out looking for homeless veterans. The team was able to help 4 veterans off the street. Which is fantastic. The Allegheny Valley Veteran Center can house up to 32 veterans currently they have 6 veterans living there.



Pictured are front row Chaz Kraynak (Pres. FSB), Terri Campbell (Ohio FSB), Julie Wilson (Pa Dept Service Officer) Herman Moreno (Lead Pa Dept. Service Officer), back row Lee Borger (Allegheny veterans Center), Richard "Duff" Dufford Jr. (Ohio FSB), Mike Price (Pa Dept. Service Officer), Michael McLachlan (Alleghany veterans Center), Tom Eaton (Allegheny Veterans Center), John Thase (Pa Dept. Service Officer), and Milton James (Pa Dept. Service Officer).

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SPIRIT OF AMERICA YOUTH CONFERENCE

Jeff Fowler, the 2nd Vice of the Department of Virginia, witnessed the active involvement of Cadet/CMSgt Addison Beckers and Cadet/CMSgt Eliza Johnston in the 2023 AMVETS Spirit of America event at the Freedom Foundation in Valley Forge, PA, this past November. They attended the Civil Air Patrol Christmas/Annual Awards Banquet at the Vinton War Memorial. Cadet/CMSgt Addison Beckers' presentation was impressive, detailing the valuable insights gained during the conference. Their gratitude for the opportunity they were provided was truly evident.





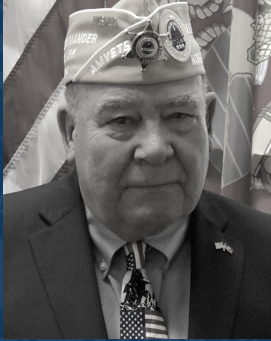
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Thanksgiving!

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