



# VETBUDS



*"VETERANS SUPPORTING VETERANS"*

## JUNE 2026

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### VetBuds - Who are we?

- We are an all-volunteer non-profit group of Veterans and friends.

### VetBuds - What do we do?

- We provide direct support to Veterans and their families.

### VetBuds - How do we assist veterans?

- We help Veterans overcome obstacles that prevent them from moving forward with their lives.

### We work with Veterans in the following ways.

- **TRANSPORTATION:** Awarding vehicles at no cost to Veterans in need of transportation.
  - **EDUCATION:** Scholarship awards to student Veterans attending Georgia State University through GSU Military Outreach.
  - **SUPPORT:** Assisting Veterans in need through referrals and direct assistance.
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## Recent Events

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### April 2026

## ***5<sup>th</sup> Annual Veteran Impact Awards and Gala***

The Warrior Alliance recognized the contributions of ten deserving Veterans from across the state of Georgia. Four of the ten awardees are VetBuds members! Here they are, along with short videos of them telling their own story.

[Patriot Award](#) - Mark Clark – VetBud and President of the Board - Genesis Joy House

[Military Spouse Award](#) - Carol LaBranche – Executive Director – AboutFace USA

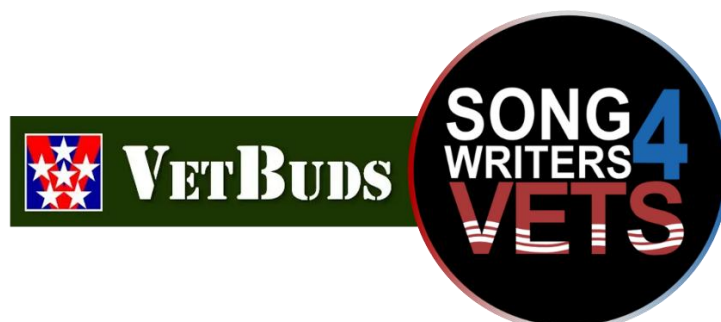
[Veteran of The Year Award](#) – Jason Robbins – President – VetBuds.US

[Company Based Employee](#) – Jim Lindenmayer – Executive Director – Cherokee Homeless Veteran Program

*(Click on the [Award Title](#) above to view their story.)*

Congratulations to everyone receiving the recognition they have earned.

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## Second Annual

### May 16<sup>th</sup> 2026

# The Hotel at Avalon – Alpharetta



## Sponsor's of this event

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**Vet Radio Syndicate**

**The VRS presents news items with Veteran and non-Veteran topics.**

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# Upcoming Events



## VETERAN BENEFITS & RESOURCE EXPO

- Meet one-on-one with representatives to file benefits claims
- Receive updates on previously filed claims
- Connect with VA departments & community organizations
- Free food and resources!



9AM - 2PM  
FRIDAY - JUNE 26, 2026



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Resources related to the SSG Fox SPGP will also be provided.

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# BIRTHDAY

Come celebrate freedom, unity, and pride  
this **Independence Day**

**JULY 4, 2026**

188 TRI-COUNTY PLAZA,  
CUMMING, GA 30040

**(PRE-FIREWORKS)**

7:00-9:30PM

**Games, Food, Drinks & More!**

Celebrate **America's 250th birthday** with AboutFace USA this July 4th!

Join us at the AboutFace-USA Veteran Resource and Community Center for a casual, family-fun community get-together filled with burgers, hot dogs, drinks, music, and more! Come hang out with us before the Cumming Fireworks (bring chairs to watch from the parking lot), we'd love to see you!

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# This Month in History

## Battle of Midway

June 4, 1942



Official U.S. Navy Photograph [80-G-414423](#)(

*Click on image above to learn more)*

**USS Yorktown (CV-5) is hit on the port side, amidships, by a Japanese Type 91 aerial torpedo during the mid-afternoon attack by planes from the carrier *Hiryu*, in the Battle of Midway, on June 4th, 1942. *Yorktown* is heeling to port and is seen at a different aspect than in other views taken by USS *Pensacola* (CA-24), indicating that this is the second of the two torpedo hits she received.**

**Note: There was very heavy anti-aircraft fire.**

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# Normandy landings



By Chief Photographer's Mate (CPHoM) Robert F. Sargent

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A LCVP (Landing Craft, Vehicle, Personnel) from the U.S. Coast Guard-manned USS Samuel Chase disembarks troops of Company A, 16th Infantry, 1st Infantry Division (the Big Red One) wading onto the Fox Green section of Omaha Beach (Calvados, Basse-Normandie, France) on the morning of June 6, 1944. American soldiers encountered the newly formed German 352nd Division when landing. During the initial landing two-thirds of Company E became casualties.

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# U- 505



Official U.S. Navy Photograph 80-G-49172

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**German Submarine *U-505* shortly after being captured, pictured from the USS *Pillsbury* in preparation for towing. U-505 was captured by the United States Navy on 4 June 1944 and survives as a museum ship in Chicago.**

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# Resources



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For 15 years, Genesis Joy House Homeless Shelter has stood as a beacon of hope for women veterans and their children, providing more than just a place to stay, we provide a pathway to healing, stability, and independence. As the only shelter in Georgia exclusively dedicated to serving homeless women veterans and their minor dependent children, Genesis Joy House offers transitional housing, case management, workforce development, financial literacy, mental health support, life-skills training, and community reintegration services designed to help families rebuild their lives after military service.

In 2026, Genesis Joy House proudly celebrates its 15th Anniversary, marking a decade and a half of transforming lives through compassion, dignity, and service. Founded on the belief that no veteran should face homelessness alone, the organization has helped countless women veterans overcome barriers related to housing instability, unemployment, trauma, and access to resources. This milestone year serves as both a celebration of the lives changed and a renewed commitment to the mission. Throughout the year, Genesis Joy House will honor the supporters, volunteers, community partners, and veterans who have made this journey possible while continuing to expand programs that address the evolving needs of those who served.

Looking toward the future, Genesis Joy House is actively pursuing expansion opportunities throughout Georgia, including the metro Atlanta region and new partnerships that will increase access to housing, workforce training, and supportive services for veterans. Through purposeful collaborations with organizations across the state, Genesis Joy House is building a stronger network of support that empowers veterans to achieve long-term success. As we celebrate 15 years of impact, we remain focused on one goal: ensuring that every woman veteran and her family can have the opportunity to transition from crisis to stability, and from survival to thriving.

Chelsea C. Crawford

478.236.2207

Executive Director

Genesis Joy House Homeless Shelter, Inc.

*Transitional Housing for Unhoused Female Veterans*

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*(Click on image above to learn more)*

The Warrior Alliance, (TWA) is a personalized network that provides connections for Warriors and their families of any age or stage in their life. TWA connects them with the customized resources they need to find success after their service. TWA has a partner network of more than 40 service providers over 10 service areas. This includes health and wellness, education, legal services, employment, housing, volunteer services, family services, VA benefits, recreation, and financial wellness.

TWA's personal touch — *“the human connection”* — that is cultivated with every Warrior—is what sets TWA apart. TWA representatives (“Navigators”) work closely with each Warrior to develop customized care plans. When asked to describe their role, a TWA Navigator shared, *“My role is to remind our Warriors they are not alone in this journey. We provide more than just a roadmap – we offer a hand to hold, a listening ear, and the belief that they can succeed.”* Navigators foster relationships with Warriors built on trust, empathy, and mutual respect.

By combining the power of technology and data with the irreplaceable value of *“the human connection”*, TWA helps Warriors get the services they need.

To learn more about The Warrior Alliance, go to <https://thewarrioralliance.org/>,

To register for services, visit <https://thewarrioralliance.org/register>.

You can also call TWA at **404 – 210 - 1776** or email at [info@thewarrioralliance.org](mailto:info@thewarrioralliance.org).

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## Our Mission

To provide a veteran-centric ecosystem of support that empowers housing-insecure and transitioning veterans to rebuild their lives, regain their dignity, and achieve sustainable independence.

### Why VEO?

When our service members return home, the battle doesn't always end, just changes shape. At Veterans Empowerment Organization (VEO), we believe that the men and women who stood for our country should never have to stand alone.

We are a veteran-centric organization. This means everything we do is designed by understanding military culture, language, community; and for honoring the unique experiences of those who served. We don't believe in temporary band-aids; we believe in holistic, systemic transformation.

### Our Core Pillars of Impact

VEO's comprehensive wrap-around services focus on the foundational elements every veteran needs to heal, grow, and thrive:

#### 1. Dignified Housing

We provide safe, stable, and supportive housing solutions, for veterans experiencing or at risk of homelessness. From emergency support to transitional housing and permanent placement, we give our heroes and their families a place to call home while they rebuild their foundations.

## 2. Optimal Wellness

True healing requires addressing the whole person. Our wellness programs focus on mental, emotional, and physical health.

We connect veterans with critical mental health resources, substance abuse recovery support, and wellness programs designed to heal the invisible wounds of war. Our wellness initiatives provide essential connectivity to veterans benefits and support services.

## 3. Workforce Development

We do not just help veterans find a job; we help them build a career. Our workforce program aligns military-honed skills with civilian market demands through resume building, interview prep, technical training, and direct placement with veteran-friendly employers.

## 4. Community & Support Program Assistance

No veteran should feel isolated. Isolation is the enemy of recovery, which is why we intentionally cultivate a tight-knit, supportive community within our organization. We provide ongoing assistance programs, peer-to-peer mentorship, and recreational connection points that rebuild the camaraderie veterans lost when they left the military. We ensure our heroes are surrounded by a reliable network of brothers and sisters who keep them grounded, accountable, and moving forward.

### The Power of Your Support

U S Army Veteran & VEO Alumnus:

"VEO didn't just give me a bed; they gave me a family and my life back. They understood where I was coming from because they spoke my language. Today, I have a home, a career, and a community standing with me."

### Connect With Us:

To learn more about how you can get involved, visit <https://www.veohero.org/>

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Come visit us at our Veteran Resource and Community Center

188 Tri-County Plaza, Cumming, GA 30040

**888-766-0222**

Open weekdays 10am - 4pm



When a veteran or their family member wants help, but may not know where to begin, AboutFace-USA is a great place to start. We offer free mental and substance use disorder therapies, holistic healing and veteran-led peer support group meetings.

We have a place to drop in and meet with friends, free transportation to healthcare appointments, and a futuristic indoor aeroponic farm.

We are connected to healthcare resources through Unite Us - <https://uniteus.com/>

Contact us at <https://aboutface-usa.org/pages/contact> for our programs, resources and for guidance to VA Benefits like healthcare, disability rating, and caregiver and family benefits.

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# VetBuds Meeting Dates Times and Locations

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## West Cobb VetBuds

**July 1st – 0730 - 0900 Hours**

**West Cobb Panera Bread Company**

**3625 Dallas Highway**

**Marietta, GA**

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## Cherokee County VetBuds

**July 8th - 1130 Hours**

**GUSTON'S**

**12195 Highway 92, Woodstock, GA**

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# North Fulton VetBuds



**Come and join this motley crew of Veterans**

**July 15th - 0730 Hours**

**UPTOWN CAFÉ**

**9850 Nesbit Ferry Rd, Roswell**

Corner of Nesbitt Ferry & Old Alabama Rd.

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**Patriot Towing Services**

**2770 Airport Drive Ball Ground, GA 30107**

**770 - 345 – 8888**

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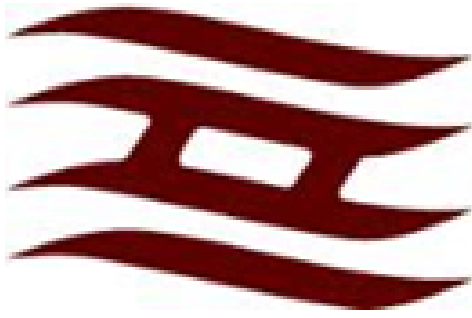
**JB began his career in the U.S. Air Force, where he dedicated 20 years of service all within the financial sector.**

**If you or anyone you know is in need of expert guidance in any of these areas, JB would be happy to offer assistance.**

**Serving Metro Atlanta and Surrounding Regions**

**John Brian, **VetBud**, (JB) Burnett - 404.536.1194**

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*“Because sometimes you need a NINJA”*

Howard R. Stentz III

President / CEO

**VetBud** 770-331-358036

[hrs@howste.net](mailto:hrs@howste.net)

IT and WEB Services

*“Howard donated his Company’s time and resources bringing life to the VETBUDS much-needed website”.*

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## VetBuds Merchandise



**VetBuds** link to their website.

**VetBuds** embroidered merchandise is available for purchase. You can order clothing and hats directly from the site and have it shipped or pick it up at their shop.

If you have a need for Screen Printing or Embroidered items, we encourage you to consider 92 Threads for your next project.

615 Hembree PKWY Suite 200, Roswell, GA 30076

Phone 770 – 645 – 1390

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**5690 Bethelview Road | Cumming, GA**

**TEL - 470 - 253 - 7376 FAX – 770 – 406 – 8379**

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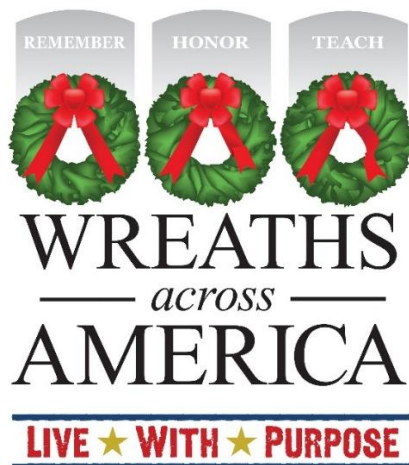


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## Dedicated to helping Veterans in Crisis

There are thousands of Veterans in our country that are in mental and physical distress due to service-related trauma. At Operation Rally Point, we repay their sacrifices by providing them with the support they need when they are in crisis.

**VetBud** - Brandon Watts - 678 – 276 – 6374



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Remember the fallen. Honor those who serve. Teach the next generation the value of freedom. Our volunteers are the beating heart of the program and work year-round to share this important mission and inspire others to join.

**VetBud** – Jerry Tiarsmith - 404-217-3521

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## MAN IN THE MIRROR

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**The mission of Man in the Mirror is to equip Christian men around the world to engage in meaningful relationships that change lives and build the kingdom of God.**

**VetBud - John Davis [678 – 607 - 5601](tel:678-607-5601)**



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**We are dedicated to meeting the needs of *Georgia's* veterans**



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The Military Women's Memorial is a one-of-a-kind tribute to America's Servicewomen, past and present. The Memorial features an education center, interactive exhibits, and a world-class collection of military women's stories.

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## 11th Hour Squadron Training

Spend some time doing quieter work and show love to our fellow Veteran. Please consider comforting our brothers and sisters in their final hours by joining our group. It makes a difference for them to spend their last moments with someone who is kind and caring. It's comforting to family members, knowing that their loved one isn't alone when they pass away.

**VetBud - Joanne Mealer 770 - 598 – 8386**



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THE PREMIER WOMEN VETERANS' GLOBAL CONNECTION HUB



**Atlanta Vietnam Veterans Business Association**

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## **Helping Warriors Navigate to Success after Service**

**Our mission is to improve the quality of life for service members, Veterans, and their families through a total care network of Veteran support organizations.**

**VetBud - Mark Eister V. P. Operations 404 – 210 – 1776**



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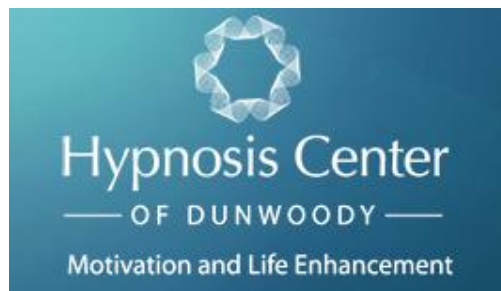
**11045 Parsons Road, Johns Creek, GA 30097**



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***“The JCVA shall have as its purpose the promotion of the welfare of the City of Johns Creek’s U.S. military veterans, and the U.S. veteran community in the surrounding areas, and the support for as well as collaboration with other veteran-based organizations. A further purpose shall be to raise awareness within the Johns Creek community to understand and appreciate the contributions veterans have made and those that they continue to make on behalf of their community and country. “***

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## Hypnotherapy, an Ancient Art...a [New Approach](#)

**VetBud - Alton M Reynolds, LPC, M. ED, CI.H**

**1864 Independence Square – Ste A**

**Dunwoody, GA 770 – 390 – 0444**



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CCK Law handles both administrative appeals and federal court litigation. In most cases, the firm can work on a contingency basis, meaning there is no fee unless past-due benefits are recovered. For a free case evaluation, veterans can call **(770) 275-1749** or visit [cck-law.com](http://cck-law.com), where they can also access thousands of free educational resources about VA benefits claims and appeals.

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**Saint Jude the Apostle Knights of Columbus**  
**7171 Glenridge Drive - Sandy Springs, GA 30328**

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**Veterans Crisis Line**  
**Call 988 and Press 1 or Text 838255**  
**VA Telephone Hotline - 877 - 222 - 8387**

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**VetBud - Jim Lindenmeyer**

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**Joshua Lear**

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**678 – 983 - 7590**

**We serve veterans in Cherokee County Georgia by providing help with food, limited housing, clothing, Veterans Affairs claims, home of record, and other support.**



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📍 **WHERE:** Pathlight Counseling - 4390 Earney Rd, Ste 140, Woodstock, GA 30188

💡 **WHY:** Your service, your recovery, you are your family's lives—*they all matter.*

📞 **CONTACT:** Scott Brown (USMC Veteran, Iraq Veteran) – 470 - 648 - 1528

🌐 [pathlightga.com](https://pathlightga.com)

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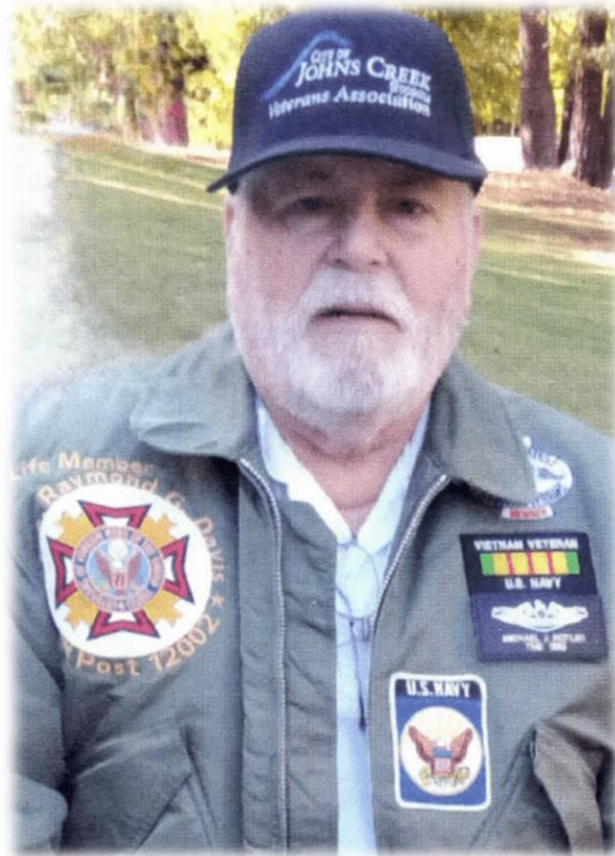


**” In Memory of”**



**“Those who have gone before us”**

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**Mike Kotler**

**U S Navy**

**“Submarine Mike”**

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**Paul Troiano**

**U S Navy**



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**Sergeant Major Paul Hershey**

**USMC - Retired**

**“Uncle Paul”**

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**Peter Manfre**  
**USMC – Retired**

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**MSGT Russell Vaudrey**

**103 years Old**

**U S Army Air Corp**

**WWII Veteran**

*See October 2025 Newsletter for more information about Russel*

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