

Chattanooga Area Veterans Council

Serving veterans and their organizations of East Tennessee, North Georgia and North Alabama

Memorial Day 2018

[Article courtesy WDEF.com] People gathered on Memorial Day at the Armory in Chattanooga to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice. With the presentation of colors and song, people attended Chattanooga's Memorial Day program.

"It's part of our country. It is the veterans who secured our rights as well as our freedoms. It is only right that we give back to them," said Chris Dooley, the chairman of the Chattanooga Area Veterans Council. They honored those who made the ultimate sacrifice. "I think the remembrance is always important. It is important to all Americans and not just a few, but to every



American this should be a very sacred day," said Mickey McCamish, with the Military Officers Association of America, Chattanooga chapter. Some World War II veterans attended. "I thought the war was going to get over with before I got old enough to get in it. And I got my birth certificate and doctored it up and I joined the Navy. And Mama didn't even know where I was," said Al Smith, a veteran. Veterans say it is important to be here. "We are honoring those who are on what we call the eternal patrol, they are dead, we are honoring all of our veterans when we get together like this," Smith said.

Gold Star Wives showed their appreciation. "My husband served in Vietnam and his death was related to the Agent Orange. So it was deemed to be service connected, so therefore it makes me a gold star wife because of his service," Carol Jackson said. The keynote speaker was Louis Varnell, who talked about the importance of recognizing those who served in World War I. "I love the historical things that we hear from the historian and how it ties it all together. And it really does take you back to World War I, what brought forward the ideals and so forth of this country," Jackson said. Those here hope people realize the true meaning of Memorial Day.

"It is very important to keep the memories alive. And for all of us to remember why we can have the barbecues and the picnics and have the liberties that we have in this great country of ours is because of all of these people who gave the great sacrifice," Jackson said.

Chattanooga VA Clinic Looking for Volunteers

[Article courtesy WDEF.com] The Chattanooga VA is looking for volunteers to help out their veterans. Organizers say they need more than 50 people to volunteer at four different locations in Chattanooga, including the VA Outpatient Clinic. Some of the jobs include like greeting, helping in the office, and driving vans. Van drivers take the patients from Chattanooga to Murfreesboro daily. In addition to regular volunteers, they also are looking for people to help out less frequently. "We also have a need for occasional volunteers, those that do not want to volunteer on a regular basis, but would like to volunteer occasionally for events and such," said Bo Cox, the voluntary service specialist at Chattanooga VA Outpatient Clinic. Volunteers say this is a great way to give back. "Veterans are very appreciative of the help they get here, not just from the clinic but they come up and address you individually and address you individually and thank you for being here and a volunteer. They really appreciate it," said Jonnie Cox, a VA volunteer. If you would like to volunteer at the Chattanooga VA Clinic contact Bo Cox at 423-893-6500, extension 27093.

CAVC Veteran and Associate Organization's 2018 Dues are now due

Chattanooga Area Veterans Council depends on the financial support from its member organizations. All of the events coordinated and paid for by the CAVC are free to attendees but these events all have costs. All CAVC Veteran and Associate organizations are asked to submit their \$20 member dues payment help finance CAVC activities for 2018. Honorary Organizations are not expected to pay dues to the CAVC.

The CAVC Executive Board thanks the following organizations that have paid their 2018 dues:

Sqt. Alvin C. York Chapter 82nd Airborne Association American Legion Post 14, Chattanooga American Legion Jim King Post 107, Soddy Daisy American Legion Post 159, Hixson American Legion Post 257, Collegedale Get Veterans Involved, Inc. Military Officers Association of America, Chattanooga Chapter Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing Tri-State Women Veterans, MWAN Unit 157 USS Carbonero Base Submarine Veterans USS Haddo Base Submarine Veterans VFW Post 4848, Chattanooga Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 203 Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 203 Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus Assembly 3250 U.S. Navy Sea Cadet Corps, Chattanooga Division Sons of the American Revolution, John Sevier Chapter Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Missionary Ridge Camp Sons of Spanish American War Veterans

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CAVC is a 501(c)(19) non-profit veteran organization.

CAVC 2018 Calendar of Events

04 Jul – Independence Day

14 Sep – CAVC Quarterly Meeting, Post 95

09 Oct – Armed Forces Parade Committee Meeting at NOSC

03 Nov – Veterans Salute and Information Fair at National Guard Armory

11 Nov – Veterans Day Program, 2:00 pm

14 Dec – CAVC Annual Meeting, Officer Elections and Installation, Post 95

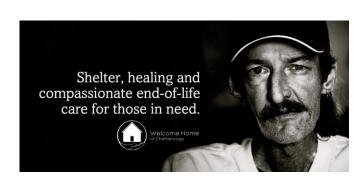
Welcome Home of Chattanooga

Welcome Home of Chattanooga is a Home for those who have a terminal illness and have nowhere to go for end of life care. We provide shelter and family type care, partnering with area hospices who provide the professional medical care. At Welcome Home of Chattanooga, we believe in the mission of open hospitality. We serve at the "Big Table." Everyone is welcome and has a place: those with or without a home, those in need, volunteers, widows and couples, young and old. Come to give or receive. We welcome the community. We believe that everyone has purpose, and at the end of life, everyone should know that they are important and will be remembered. No one should die alone. We offer the opportunity for Love, grace and forgiveness at Welcome Home.

WHAT WE DO.

Welcome Home provides:

- A comfortable, well maintained 4 bedroom home
- Support through trained staff and volunteers
- Partnerships with local hospices who provide professional care
- A place of support and community for those in need
- Assistance with applying for appropriate benefits for residents
- Education for students and the community regarding the discussion and care around death and dying



We do this by:

- Working with local hospices to provide in home medical care and support
- Investing in and benefiting from partnerships, friendships and guidance from local groups, agencies, churches and synagogues, neighbors, universities and hospitals. Together we build relationships with residents and one another to impact and improve end-of-life care in Chattanooga.
- Requesting that residents pay on a sliding scale for room and board. Funding is also provided by fundraising, donations and grants, as well as in-kind, for-impact gifts.
- Ensuring that we are good neighbors and a benefit to the neighborhood and community around us, as well as good stewards of our resources.

WHY WE NEED YOU.

Value

Prayers and Love give us strength, encouragement and remind us we're not alone, knowing that so many people care about our mission, our family and our residents.

Visit

Come to Welcome Home and be part of our family. Visit, stay, help and love. Call us at (423) 355-5842 or email us at info@welcomehomeofchattanooga.org. We are for the community and supported by the community.

Volunteer

In order to maintain a family-like atmosphere, Welcome Home relies on the kindness and devotion of volunteers. We welcome all gifts and skills, whether it's providing companionship, cooking a meal or helping with our memory garden. We have a special Mentoring Program for those who would like to be end of life caregivers. We have monthly volunteer orientation sessions to provide more information about our mission and volunteer opportunities. Everyone is welcome. Please email us at info@welcomehomeofchattanooga.org to let us know what you are passionate about! **Funding**

Welcome Home is for the community and supported by the community. We partner with local groups, agencies, our faith community, neighbors, universities and health care providers to build relationships with residents and one another in support of our mission.

We are grateful for the generous financial support we receive from individuals, faith communities, local businesses and our community foundations.

- **Honor One You Love:** Make a donation in honor of or in memory of those you love, knowing that it will help another.
- **Welcome Home Gifts:** There are a number of needed items that help keep our residents comfortable and make our house a home. To find out about current needs, please call (423) 355-5842 any time.





MISSION BBQ opened its doors for business on September 11, 2011.

Ten years after our world changed forever, in some small way we wanted to change it back.

As the founders of MISSION BBQ, we strive every day to remind everyone what makes Our Country great—its heroes.

Who are we? Two friends passionate about BBQ, patriotic for Our Country, and who believe in running a business with meaning and purpose.

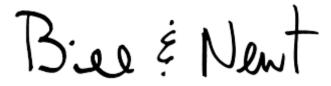
We believe there is nothing more American than BBQ. And **nobody** more American than the brave men and women who have sworn to protect and serve Our Communities and Our Country. We do what we do for the love of our soldiers, firefighters, police officers, first responders—all our loved ones in service.

We set across this great land from Texas to Kansas City, the Carolinas to St. Louis...to discover the secrets of great BBQ.

Every day we strive to serve you authentic BBQ made from the freshest, most delectable ingredients, and serve it to you in a patriotic dining room filled with tributes to those who've made Our Country great, given to us by the people who earned them. Stop by at lunchtime, and you might catch us during our daily salute to the Stars and Stripes.

We don't do any of this because we have to. It's because we want to.

At MISSION BBQ, we are Proudly Serving Those Who Serve. Come help us complete Our Mission.

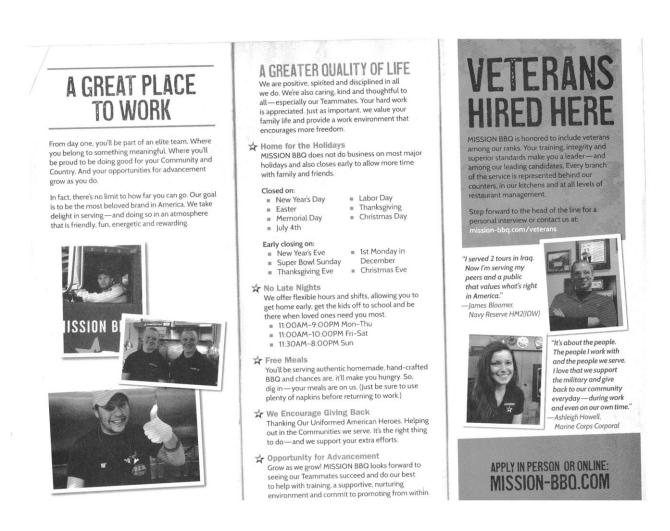


Veterans Wanted

America counted on you. So will MISSION BBQ.

Heroes like you are welcome here from the moment you walk in our doors. On our walls are the authentic symbols of bravery and courage shared with us by American Heroes. Every day, we salute the USA together, all standing at attention for the National Anthem, at noon. You'll be part of something meaningful and significant.

Make a career out of making a difference.





The GVI Mission

Support military veterans by training and employing them in schools as classroom volunteers, tutors and mentors.



OUR OBJECTIVES

PRIMARY: Offer interim employment to veterans making the transition from military careers back into civilian life.

SECONDARY: Provide trained and vetted veteran resources to schools where they can share examples of how they have used their education in their military service and other "real world" situations.

VETERAN ACTIONS FOR MISSION SUCCESS

MENTORING: Support classroom teachers by serving as mentors and positive role models.

SECURITY: Improve school security by our physical presence, and provide children a better feeling of security.

CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT: Demonstrate patriotism, honor, values and faith.

To learn more visit the GVI website www.getveteransinvolved.org or contact Bob Kincaid at bkincaid@getvetsinvolved.org / 423-521-4484.