The AV BTYR continues to do what we have a passion for – assisting military personnel who are currently serving, Veterans, and their families. Your help and support have made this possible –making a difference for many Military connected folks.

News

CHILI COOK-OFF

Join us at Bogarts for their annual Chili Cook-off. All donations benefit local Veterans and their families. There will be about 20 different chilies to enjoy - all you can eat for a modest fee.

Date: Sunday, January 26 Time: Starts at 1:00 p.m.

Location: Bogarts, 14917 Garrett Avenue

Also check out the Silent Auction items and enter the Raffle for some wonderful prizes. (The big TV's will be on for the Playoff game.)

OUR SINCERE THANKS

Thanks to all of our donors and volunteers who helped us fulfill many requests for assistance in the last couple of months. Needs included: Car repairs, medical assistance, home repairs, help with groceries, and gas money.

VA'S SECURE SIGN-IN CHANGES

The cut-off deadline to move from the My HealtheVet sign-in option is January 31, 2025. For more information, visit: www.va.gov/sign-in-changes. After January 31, 2025, the VA will remove the option to sign in with a My HealtheVet user ID and password. You will still be able to access your My HealtheVet health portal—although, you'll need to sign-in using your Login.gov or ID.me account.

VA IS HERE FOR YOU

Below are various veterans services available:

- My VA 1-800-MyVA411 (1-800-698-2411)
- The *Veterans Crisis Line* <u>www.veteranscrisisline.net</u>. Here you'll find 24/7 confidential crisis support for Veterans and their loved ones. Support options include chat, or you can text 838255, or call 988 and press 1,
- Vet Centers www.vetcenter.va.gov, 1-877-927-8387
- VA Homeless Programs: www.va.gov/homeless, 1-877-424-3838 or chat
- Ask VA ask.va.gov
- **VERA Appointment Scheduler** <u>va.my.site.com/VAVERA</u>, schedule a 1-on-1 appointment with a VA benefits expert

Upcoming Events

- Thu., Jan. 9, 6:00 p.m. Monthly Board / Member Meeting at the Apple Valley Legion
- Thu., Jan. 16, 5:30 p.m. Military Appreciation Dinner Join us for a delicious dinner. There will be a presentation of a Quilt of Valor for a World War II Veteran you don't want to miss.

Doors open at 5:15 p.m. Due to limited seating, please RSVP. Call or email us at the phone/email listed in the *Contact Us* block below.

• Sun., Jan. 26 - Chili Cook-off

Contact Us

To get needed services such as groceries, yard work, house repairs, snow removal, etc., we want to help. We have resources to connect you to the assistance you need.

Direct Line: 952-923-5014 Please leave a message

Email: vellowribbonav@gmail.com

County Veteran Service Office: 651-554-5631

American Legion: 952-406-0737