

### Veterans For Worship A Ministry for Veterans & Military Families veteransforworship.net



Every ministry has a beginning....



True story...

# Bob and Debbie walk into a bar...

#### **Debbie Maund-Founder & Director, Veterans For Worship\***

\*founded in 2016 in the basement at VFW in Everett, WA, now coast-to-coast.

- Combat Veteran, Army Reserve Chaplain, Coach/Speaker
- Decades of experience in Military Chaplain Corps operations
- Masters of Divinity, Fuller Theological Seminary

"When I returned from Irag in 2008, I suddenly realized I was a part of a rare community. I also realized the great bond that veterans had with each other. It didn't matter where they served, the fact they served was ultimately enough to build rapport and to enter a room with credibility.

As a new Army Reserve chaplain, I realized that the combat patch I wore on my right arm would open doors with people I never met before.

I also realized that the connection that Soldiers had with a chaplain and with God in deployment was not easily replicated back home. Soldiers who would visit with a chaplain may struggle talking with a counselor or local church when they returned home."

Life verse Hebrews 10:38-39

38 But my righteous one will live by faith...

39 ...we do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who have faith and are saved.





### Problem/Challenge

After transition many veterans and spouses find the disconnect from their military life, command, and military family very difficult. Veterans without families have an even harder time. On top of that finding a new Christian family is even more difficult, and we are fighting a pandemic as well. The isolation alone has increased anxiety, depression and suicide in veterans.

They need a place to connect!

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FOR WORSHIP

Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.' Psalm 119:105



### Those We Serve





Active Duty & Reserve Military Personnel



**Families** 

**Spouses** 

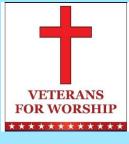
### **PAIN POINTS**

After the military they relocate and lose touch with their Chaplain and Christ community, they feel like they no longer have a family to reach out to when struggling with issues.

Unless connected with other veterans and veteran families there is often a feeling of "<mark>no one</mark> **understands** my problem or circumstances, so who is going to help them get through it?"

Veterans feel lost and alone after separating from the military, this often results in depression and sometimes suicide.

They don't have the network or connections they need to find the resources or programs for their families.



In today's virtual world they can't get out and **worship** with their Christ community.

# The Solution: Our W.O.N. Discipleship Method



We provide the following services to transitioning military, veterans, and spouses.







Worship

Outreach

Network

# Worship





Veterans For Worship reconnects our veterans with chaplains like they once did during deployment, like they once did during their military service. In most cases, they will connect with a Veterans For Worship chaplain that knows their military language, that knows the struggles of balancing family with the military. Our hope is to reconnect veterans to their veteran community, honor their service, while also reconnecting them to God.

# Outreach





Military families are like other families in many ways. They struggle with finances, housing, schools, sports, and homework. But military families balance these challenges with re-locations, with deployments, and with **separation** from mom and/or dad. Kids routinely leave friends and may even hear that mom or dad won't be returning home from deployment. Divorce is another casualty of military life. All of these things bring a constant diet of change, instability, and uncertainty.

Veterans For Worship **connects** with veterans and their families, letting them know that they are not alone in their struggles. We listen, we pray, and we refer them to other resources, if necessary. We also support veteran and military families during weddings, graveside services, and memorials. Additionally, we visit convalescent homes and perform last rites. And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.' Mark 16:15

# Network





Veterans For Worship is an organization that reaches veterans in our community, in churches, and at veteran groups. We connect with veterans and their families during chapel events at churches and VFW posts, in the community, and at veteran-focused events.

Our veteran communities need support, and they need someone to listen. We are called to serve and pray for people in our veteran community. Many struggle with homelessness, finances, addiction, and mobility issues.

However, no matter what they face, we see this **community**; we see their **victories**; we see their **value**, and we see their **ability** and **strength** to reach other veterans who are struggling, too.



Virtual



In Person



Standdowns

So then we pursue the things which make for peace and the building up of one another.' Romans 14:19

### Testimonials

#### VETERANS:



Founder and Pastor of Veterans For Worship, Debbie Maund, has a heart for God and a love for ministering to veterans. She has a vision for growing this ministry across America! This girl is on fire for Jesus!

#### SPOUSES:

Veterans For Worship participated in our Lynnwood Heroes' Cafe sharing spiritual resources with our veterans.

#### MGEN Raymond W. Coffey, USAVR:

Chaplain (MAJ) Debbie Maund is Excellent in her assignment as a Military Chaplain as well as her own Personal Veteran outreach Programs with Veterans For Worship. I would highly recommend her to anyone.

### Advantages Gained From W.O.N.





#### Connection

Feeling connected and engaged is a veteran Christ based community



#### Resources

We connect veterans with care programs, bibles, and other organizations



We introduce veterans to other members of our family and we all help each other



We come together virtually and in person for events and worship



#### Health and Wellness

Working together through Christ we have happy, productive, and empowered veterans

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' Luke 10:27

# Marketing Efforts

- Attending Events
- Social Media Content Creation/Advertising
- Word of mouth from our Volunteers, Attendees, and Success Stories
- 1:1 Outreach to Potential Sponsors or Partners
- Inviting Others to Join our Groups and Events
- Veterans For Worship Ambassadors
- Recent Website Overhaul
- Guesting on Podcasts
- Interviewing with Media and Publishing Personnel



## Current Team

VETERANS FOR WORSHIP

- DEBBIE MAUND, Founder and Chaplain
- DOUGLAS PLEMMONS, Board Chair, Treasurer, and Chaplain
- SAM KAHN, Vice Chair and Chaplain
- BETH SHEPARD, Exec. Officer, and Chaplain
- KATHY JO KAHN, Director of Worship Arts
- PETE BLUM, Director of Networking, Tampa Bay Chapter, and Chaplain Candidate
- JIM HAGLEY, Board Chaplain
- MICHELLE HUTCHINSON, Board Chaplain

# PARTNER CHURCHES, ORGANIZATIONS & COMPANIES WHO HAVE SUPPORTED OUR MISSION



VETERANS



And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ' Hebrews 10:24