

# Veterans Committee Newsletter Fall 2023

The purpose of the Veterans Committee is to create a culture for veterans within the Arrow Exterminators Family of Brands. The culture will center around comradery, recognition, and support for veterans and active service members. This includes their families, and the community at large.

### Woodstock Working

In July, the Woodstock, GA Service Center helped a veteran who they had assisted previously. The Woodstock team gathered up some activities to take to the veteran's nursing home in Douglasville, GA. The veteran loves baseball, so the Woodstock team picked up a few things specifically for him, and then other activities for the other veterans in the nursing home as well.





#### **<u>CCHVP Golf Tournament</u>**

In July, Arrow was a Gold Sponsor at the Cherokee County Homeless Veterans Program Annual Golf Tournament. We were able to set up a tent on one of the greens and highlight the Arrow Exterminator's Veterans Committee. One golfer, and veteran, was able to accomplish a hole-in-one and received a "7-Night Worldwide Getaway" courtesy of Arrow Exterminators.





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#### Red, White and Blue BBQ Tournament

The Arrow VETCOM will be sponsoring the third annual Red, White and Blue BBQ tournament on October 29, 2023. The event is tasked with promoting the Veterans of Cherokee County and proceeds will benefit the Veteran Suicide Awareness and Cherokee County Homeless Veterans programs.



### Maryville, TN Golf Tournament

Gary Saunders, Joe Conway, Jonathan Lawson, and Bobby Hobbs (Arrow Team Members) participated in a Veteran's Golf Tournament, which Arrow was a sponsor, in Maryville, TN.



#### **GA Aquarium Adventure**

In July, we were able to take some Veterans from Arrow and the Cherokee County Homeless Veterans Program to the Georgia Aquarium. Those Veterans were treated to an immersive experience swimming with "gentle giants" and cage diving with sharks.









### <u>Nineline Apparel</u>

Coming soon, we will be offering our Nineline apparel that shows Arrow's support for all our veterans! Be on the lookout for an upcoming email that will show new products being offered, and where they can be ordered!



### **Challenge** Coins

We recently introduced new challenge coins for the Veterans Committee. They are higher quality coins that look good on your desk, in your wallet, or in a gift for a friend. If you haven't gotten yours yet, you can order one online, for \$5, at link below.



Scan here if you would like to purchase a challenge coin:



https://arrow-i-support-veterans-challengecoins.cheddarup.com

#### **Operation Landscaping**

In July, multiple Team Members went to the home of Mr. Dewey Kinsey. Mr. Kinsey is an Army Veteran who served in Vietnam. While his is disable, he also takes care of his son who is also disabled. Our Team Members were able to spend the day completing needed yardwork such as raking, blowing, weed whacking, edging, pruning, and many other tasks.









#### **<u>Rebuilding Together</u>**

In September, multiple Arrow Team Members have been volunteering for Operation Miller's Home Repair Project. In partnership with Habitat for Humanity, these Team Members heled complete the drainage and dig post holes for a new deck/ramp for Ryan Miller. Ryan is 46 years old and was Active Duty with the Army for 7 years and the Georgia National Guard for 13 years. He has a traumatic brain injury and suffers from anxiety. The Veterans Committee is continuing to assist the Miller family by looking at other household projects that can be completed for them.







#### Augusta Outreach

In April, Brayden Dinger, Andrew Johnson, Emerson Murphy, Mikey Bolen, and Van Wagner (Augusta, GA Service Center) went beyond the call when they heard a Veteran (father of their very own CCD Ashley DeMay) was trying to put up a new fence around his property. Ron Seckora is a retired Navy Veteran with 25 years of service. During his service, Ron is credited with saving the life of another service member during a fire rescue.



#### Coat Drive

We are excited to launch our annual coat drive on October 2, 2023, which will go through November 3, 2023. Our goal is 7,500+ coats, and we will need everyone's help to get there! Do not forget about the Service Center with the most militarily outrageous collection box will earn a gourmet Warriors breakfast!







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#### **<u>Picayune Veteran Food Drive</u>**

In June, the Picayune, MS Service Center came together after being informed of a Veteran needing assistance. Mr. Walter Thayer served in the Army from 1966-1971, which included deployments in the Vietnam War. The Picayune Service Center collected food for Mr. Thayer, and his caretaker said, "He was a little kid over the canned Ravioli." Excellent job Picayune Team Members!





#### **Branded Bills Hats**

We have recently placed a new order for our "I Support Veterans" Branded Bills hats. While fan favorites will be restocked, we will also be offering upgraded golf type hats, a new color, and different/new customizations. The new order should arrive in the beginning of October and be on the lookout for an announcement email once they arrive. You can also use the link below to view our current stock!



Scan here if you would like to purchase a hat:



https://i-support-veterans-branded-hats.cheddarup.com



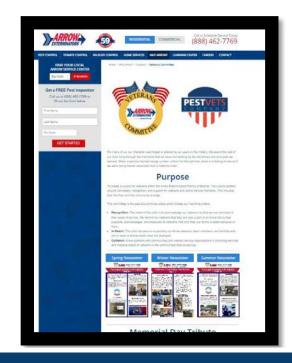
### Hand-made Wooden Flag Raffle

Last summer, Service Center Manager, and Veteran Clint Vickery, led a silent auction for five 1776 style handcrafted custom pine wood military flags, one for each service branch. A Marine Corps Veteran handcrafted these flags. He graciously contributed the wood, and his friend donated his craftmanship. After the bidding closed, we were able to donate \$1,000 to The Long Walk Home. This is a nonprofit dedicated to supporting veterans, and their families, in the transition from military to civilian life. Clint has once again provided another Hand-made Wooden Flag that will be raffled off to support Veterans in need. Stay tuned for an announcement email on when the bidding will begin!



#### <u>Veterans Committee Webpage</u>

Missing us between our newsletter publications? Do not forget to visit our landing page at <u>arrowexterminators.com</u> under the careers page!



Arrow is 276 Veterans strong. The Veterans Committee has 5 Key Position holders and 11 Veterans Committee Liaisons who are committed to giving their time and energy to support veteran matters. The Veterans Committee is open to anyone who would like to be in support of those who served. If you would like to contribute your volunteer efforts, or support the committee's initiatives, please send an email to <u>veterans@arrowext.com</u>.

## WHAT'S COMING NEXT?

This year, the Cherokee County Homeless Veterans Program has requested that Arrow adopt another Veteran family for the holidays. Like last year, we will create an Amazon registry to help provide the selected family with an amazing holiday experience. We will be sending out an announcement email soon with further information.





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