



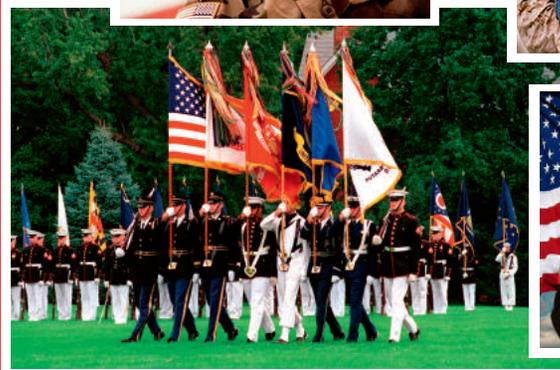
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VICTORY APOSTOLIC CHURCH

MILITARY CARE MINISTRY

Greater love has no one than this, that He lay down His life for His friends. - John 15:13



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MINISTRY COMPONENTS

Men and Women paid personal sacrifices that continue to impact their state of being as well as their families. Deadly casualties exceeded 800,000 in the Vietnam War and surviving men and women have sustained medical and mental health issues who are now in their 60's and 70s. In 1979, Vet Centers were created by the US Congress to include survivors of Wars and Combat Related Missions. These Centers target those who experience multiple traumas and require counseling services. Unfortunately, there remains unmet needs in the community where Veterans and Active Duty Service Members reside. Consequently, the Veterans Administration welcomes the opportunity to engage in Faith-Based partnerships where Veterans and Service Members are able to establish a sense of community, while addressing readjustment issues associated with Combat Related Traumas (e.g. PTSD, Depression, Anxiety, etc.), Military Sexual Trauma, Grief and Loss as well as Marital and Family Conflict.

Victory's Military Care Ministry embraces the goal of building Christ Like Lives and seeks to serve as both an in-reach and out-reach ministry to Veterans and Active Duty Service Members. Membership is open for those seeking to experience a sense of community while addressing readjustment issues that they have ignored or denied, due to feelings of isolation and that "no one understands".

Groups for Men and Women Veterans and Active Duty Service Members in joint partnership with the Gary Area Vet Center and Victory Apostolic Church



MONTHLY SMALL GROUPS

The Small Groups are Co-Ed and meet monthly within the Church and Community with a focus on addressing relevant issues and concerns identified by participants. Gender specific breakout groups are established based on ministry enrollment. Members utilize faith-based curriculums and the Word of God as a foundation and reference for all discussions.

POST TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER SUPPORT GROUPS

The focus of the PTSD Support Group is to encourage members to know that they are not alone in their struggles with flashbacks, anger, rage, hyper-vigilance, insomnia, unforgiveness, etc. Groups are facilitated by Licensed Clinical Professionals with a specialty in serving Service Members and their families; while utilizing evidenced-based curriculums with a holistic approach that fosters healing and recovery. Based on express interest, spousal support groups are available.

SPECIAL MILITARY EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

The Military Care Ministry seeks to honor our Service Members at Church and Community coordinated events; while also maintaining a calendar of events.

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

Service Members are offered assistance in navigating veteran benefits and resources through linkage with local Service Officers, Vet Centers and VA Community Based Outpatient Clinics. Such referrals include:

- BEREAVEMENT, INDIVIDUAL & FAMILY READJUSTMENT COUNSELING SERVICES
- COMPENSATION AND PENSION BENEFITS, HOUSING AND EDUCATION

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust. Psalm 91:1-2