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| April, May, June 2022 | National Association of American Veterans (NAAV)  2nd Quarter Newsletter | | | | | | | | Issue #2 |
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| **Editor’s Notes and Message**  **“Like an underground current, we continue to move yet unseen we flow”**  Last month we featured…. This month the momentum has maintained course… Who keeps track of every day’s twist, turns, ups, downs, pauses, speed, successes, and defeats? NAAV plans for the month but addresses the issues of the day as situations such as phone calls, emails, letters, meetings, and encounters arise. This organization of one of many Veteran Service Organizations that is faced with meeting the request and challenges of servicing our American veterans and their family members. What sets NAAV apart is the tireless efforts and services led by the CEO, Constance Burns and her small cadre of dedicated Board and Advisory members, volunteers, corporate sponsors, and prayer warriors. NAAV’s testimonials speak of the goodness and attention this organization has paid to its veterans and their family members time-over-time. Unseen by the masses, NAAV provides like a 24-hour operation… Always on… Ever present… and Ready to serve. | |  | |  | | | | | | |
|  | | .Caption of the Illionois underground passageway -https://cdn.onlyinyourstate.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/Facebook\_All-Around-Alton-Illinois-700x525.jpg; What made it successful: “An intricate of safe houses and trails leading to freedom…” Unseen but with lots of movement in accomplishing a mission. | | | | | | |
| Editor’s Phrase  The Undercurrent  In the Shadow of Trust | | | | | | |
| What is an undercurrent and how do we survive the mixes and matches of a constantly moving unseen whirl? These past few years has caught much of the world by surprise… or “shock and awe” coined by a phrase a while ago. What lies ahead and where are going… How can we stop the whirl wind of this present undercurrent and who is to say where we, you and I will end up? Think on this: What God has joined together, let no man put asunder. This is typically a phrase we hear referenced at a marriage ceremony. “What God has joined together...” This brings s images to mind of His mighty control, purpose, and plan… Something we walk into with eyes wide open yet blind to what truly lies ahead. We step, we move, we dive in and breathe at the same time. That is rather ironic: How can we dive in and breathe? | | | | The dictionary describes undercurrent as such: (1) an underlying feeling or influence, especially one that is contrary to the prevailing atmosphere and is not expressed openly; (2) a current of water below the surface and moving in a different direction from any surface current; My thoughts focused in on “moving in a different direction… from any surface.” An undercurrent is often contrary to what we expect i.e., see, feel, touch, taste or even know. The word of God says to “be still and know…” know that I am God. (Psalm 46:10). Friends, we might not see an under-current up ahead, but we can trust that He who is faithful will provide. On behalf of NAAV, it is my hope that as we move ever so carefully into the next phase of this summer that you learn how to navigate during the undercurrents of life and let the unseen yet moving shadow take you safely ashore. Do not fight what you cannot control; instead, trust you will be pulled out. | | |
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| The scoop of the day  Latest NAAV Updates | | | The NAAV Outreach –  Become A Sponsor | | | | Moments of Meditation and Scripture | | | |
| NAAV, Inc. | | | NAAV CEO | | | | Constance A. Burns | | | |
| Veterans News: A resource for Veterans within the DMV – Clothing Donations  Page 2 | | | Invites you to join NAAV as a partner in fulfilling the mission and commission to support those who have given so much!  Page 2 | | | | Oh, magnify the Lord with us. For He is worthy to be praised…  Page 4 | | | |
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| Recent Happenings – Resources Provided  The NAAV Scoop for Veterans | | | | | | | |
| On Thursday, June 30, 2022, the **National Association of American Veterans, Inc. (NAAV)** received two (2) large boxes of over one hundred men shirts, several ties with three male suits donated by Jeff Albert, Senior Sales Manager at **Charles Tyrwhitt Men’s Store** located at Tysons Corner, Virginia. Two boxes of men shirts were given **to Central Union Mission’s Family Ministry Center** in Washington, D.C. on June 30, 2022. Meanwhile, NAAV sent one box with over twenty shirts with six ties and three suit tops to a **Homeless Veterans Mission** in Indianapolis, Indiana for an event this summer. In addition, over twelve shirts were given to Veterans residing in Glenn Dale, Maryland. NAAV sent a letter of appreciation to Charles Tyrwhitt for making a difference in the quality of life to those who served and are serving in the U.S. Armed Forces worldwide. Charles Tyrwhitt has twenty-five stores worldwide, of which twelve stores are in the United States. **Special thanks** to Kent Freeman, U.S. Army (Ret) for providing photo images and transportation support to Tysons Corner, Virginia and the Central Union Mission, Washington, D.C. | | | This year will require resiliency from all of us. As we find ourselves in another year into the pandemic, and adjusting to new mask mandates, job layoffs, food shortages and an unprecedented rise gas and in food costs, we are all moving forward and working hard to adjust to this new way of life. During new norm, NAAV is partnering with the Central Union Mission to provide food, housing, and the necessary essentials for their Mission homeless and the less fortunate in community in the greater Washington metropolitan area.  The **Central Union Mission** was established a hundred and thirty-eight years ago. The heart of the Mission “is serving the hidden homeless and hungry in our city-one life at a time.” Testimonies*… “Thank you NAAV for your continued support on behalf of our homeless in the greater Washington metropolitan area. Your support is greatly appreciated. We are all very grateful for the wonderful donation.”* **Staff, Central Union Mission, Washington, D.C.** | | | Themes and styles also help keep your document coordinated. When you click Design and choose a new Theme, the pictures, charts, and SmartArt graphics change to match your new theme. When you apply styles, your headings change to match the new theme. *“I found grace and healing here. Every day, they are making me a better person.”* – **Central Union Mission Homeless Guest**  NAAV hope you will donate in support of those who served and are serving in the U.S. Armed Forces in 2022 as we continue to reach out and help Veterans experiencing homelessness and poverty in the nation’s capital. Thank you. | |
| **(NAAV) Presents Clothing Donation to Homeless Sponsored by Charles Tyrwhitt at Tysons Corner, Virginia** | |
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|  | | | | | | NAAV Editor  The NAAV 2nd Veteran News  **Become a NAAV Sponsor or Partner**  Become a **NAAV Sponsor or Partner** in support of our nation’s Service men and women and Veterans and their caregivers and family members most in need of emergency aid with a yearly donation of $10,000 or more. You will get exclusive NAAV communications so you can keep track of the progress we make together. You will also get with a gift of $20,000 or more NAAV Annual Report. Monthly partners can receive free career coaching and not have to navigate life’s challenges on your own, and our **Career Coach** is in your corner to help with resume building, job search and interviewing techniques. Take ownership of your career! For more information, call (202) 465-3296 or email: [**info@naavets.org**](mailto:info@naavets.org). To donate now visit [**www.naavets.org**](http://www.naavets.org)click on **DONATE TODAY.** Thank you. | |
| The truck is loaded and boxes are ready… On the way to serve our veteran homeless community…   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | Page2 |  | |  |  | | | | | | |
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| Department of Veterans Affairs  What’s New for Veterans  Connecting Veterans to Services –  “Office of Connected Care” | | | | | |
| Veterans: You can now access VA health care from your home or another private space of your choosing. Discover your VA health care options through Office of Connected Care. [Click here to learn more](https://connectedcare.va.gov/). | | | | | |  | |
| You do not have to leave the comfort of your home to be seen by your VA health care team. [Click here to learn more](https://connectedcare.va.gov/). | | | | | |  | |
| The @DeptVetAffairs provides #Veterans with access to telehealth appointments and electronic health records. Learn more about these options: [Click here to learn more.](https://connectedcare.va.gov/) | | | | | |  | |
| The @DeptVetAffairs offers many options to help connect #Veterans to the telehealth care they need. [Click here to learn more](https://connectedcare.va.gov/). | | | | | |  | |
| Note for VSOs: We are working with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs’ Office of Connected Care to promote telehealth resources. You can schedule and receive telehealth care from your VA health care team from home or another private space of your choosing. Connected Care programs include:   * VA Telehealth * The Digital Divide Consult * VA Mobile and the VA App Store * Accessing Telehealth through Local Area Stations (ATLAS)   And more!  [Click here to learn more](https://connectedcare.va.gov/). | |  | | | |  | |
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| 2nd Qtr. Apr. May. June | NAAV Spiritual Reviews | | | | | | Issue #2 |
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| Constance A. Burns, NAAV CEO  NAAV Moments of Meditation and Scripture  Trust in God’s Faithfulness | | ...    John 16:33 says, “In this world you will suffer; but be courageous, for I have overcome the world!” (John 16:33). Lord God, we can always trust in Your faithfulness toward doing what is always best for us. For we know that all things will work together for good for those who love You and those who are called according to Your purpose (Romans 8:28). God will give His best to those who leave the choice with Him. Therefore, “Be strong and of good courage; for the LORD Your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you” (Deuteronomy 31:6).  “Be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded” (2 Chronicles 15:7).  “Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us” (Hebrews 12:1).  “If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer” (Matthew 21:22).  “The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and His ears are attentive to their prayers” (1 Peters 3:12).  “The Lord is faithful, and He still strengthen and protect you” (2 Thessalonians 3:13). | | | | Prayer Corner  “To Be Still and Know”  **Prayer:**  Heavenly Father, help us to trust the past to Your mercy, the present to Your love, and the future to Your providence. Lord God, give us inner strength to get through the challenges in this life. Lord, family, friends, and others may fail us, but Your promises will stand forever. Lord, help us to never, never give up! Help us to take a step and another step day by day. Lord God, please fill us with Your joy, peace and hope by the power of the Holy Spirit (Romans 15:13). Lord God, thank You that we have won victory because of Christ who shield His sinless blood on Calvary cross for our sanctification, justification, glorification, and remission of our sins. Now as born-again believers of the water and the spirit we can do all things through Christ our Lord and Savior who gives us strength (Philippians 4:13). Lord, help us to pray morning, noon and night giving you thanks and rejoicing in You always knowing that You are always with us. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen. | |
| Trust God for He is faithful: https://heargodsheart.files.wordpress.com/2019/03/faithful.jpg | |
| The Bible says, “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble” (Psalm 46:1). When we have no strength, we should cast all our cares upon the Lord, and He will sustain us (Psalm 55:22). God promise that He would give us strength to get through the pit falls and challenges in this life. Therefore, we should be strong and take heart, and place our hope in the LORD (Psalm 31:24).  *\*All Scripture quotations are taken from the New King James Version of the Holy Bible.*  By Constance A. Burns, NAAV Spiritual Wellness, Scriptural Readings, and Moments of Meditation Contributor; email: [**cburns@naavets.org**](mailto:cburns@naavets.org). | |
| God still speaks: https://4.bp.blogspot.com/-h3vK2DY7jAY/UhytjEYxENI/AAAAAAAAApA/T2L0Fa-fUJo/s1600/Be+still+and+know+that+I+am+God.jpg | |
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| |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | 2nd Qtr. Apr. May. June | NAAV Review | Issue #2 |   **Fulfilling Unmet Needs this May:**  The **National Association of American Veterans, Inc. (NAAV)** and the **Hillcrest Children and Family Center** collaborated together in support of disabled Veterans and their family providing services such counseling referrals, medical care information, housing assistance, and chaplain services to those most in need in the DC metropolitan area as of May 14, 2022.  **Calling Our Attention to Grace:**  “And He said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore, most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore, I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ’s sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.” (1 Corinthians 3:16; 6:19-20; 1 Corinthians 12:13)  **Prayer:**  Heavenly Father, You are my trusted Counselor through the Holy Spirit. Thank You for guiding me and helping me learn that I am always what You made me to be. Lord, no matter what I face today, I know that nothing is impossible with You by my side. Thank You, for helping me to see value in reaching out to others in need of prayer and encouragement. Lord God, I put my trust in You. In Jesus’ name, I pray. Amen.  By Ms. Anne, Georgetown, GA, NAAV Volunteer Spiritual Wellness Contributor; email: [info@naavets.org](mailto:info@naavets.org)  **Where Your Support Goes:**  As a reminder of why NAAV does what we do… Because of you, a dollar ($1.00) can go along way and one prime example is the support, through your generosity, NAAV is able to provide to other charitable organizations such as the Central Union Mission:    *"Thank you for your recent generous gift in support of the work at Central Union Mission! Your partnership is making a difference in the lives of veterans struggling to survive. We are grateful for your kindness. It is needed now, more than ever before. God bless you!"*  **-- Joseph Mettimano, President and CEO, Central Union Mission, Washington, DC**     |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | 2nd Qtr. Apr. May. June | NAAV --End Review | Issue #2 |   In closing:  Make this summer great | | | | | | | |
| NAAV has many testimonies to share over this past 2nd quarter. Here is one we hope all the contributors, prayer warriors, volunteers, and sponsors will smile about. As you continue to follow NAAV, share in our successes, and read our stories, we hope will continue to support our mission or decide to become one of the gracious cheerful givers who allows the undercurrent of your day guide you to those who have given so much. For more testimonies, please see posting on NAAV’s website [www.naavets.org](http://www.naavets.org)  Thank you and have a blessed summer!  On behalf of NAAV, Inc.  CEO and President  Constance A. Burns  Washington, D.C. | | | | Below: Image showing Eric A. Arrington, US Army Veteran and his spouse Deborah who is recovery from a severe brain stroke in donated high back wheelchair donated by NAAV, Inc, in May 2022. They reside in Mebane, NC | | | |
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