

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN VETERANS, Inc.

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The National Association of American Veterans (NAAV) Inc., Welcomes you to a

season of faded shades of hue.

Early morning shimmers of light cascade into the warm golden evening hue. Shadows of spring fade as summer beckons for the height of a shade

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tree and takes cover.



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<https://www.shutterstock.com/image-photo/climate-change-winter-summer-time-260nw-2411486215.jpg> pulled 6/28/2026

This summer's heat strikes us hard, heavy, and hot. Triple digit temperatures send humanity diving for the same tree. The term "made in the shade" takes on new meaning. As the sun pierces through the moist clouds slithers of the



VOLUME II

"We celebrate" 250yrs.:

*"America, America
God shed His grace on
thee and crown thy
good with brotherhood
from sea to shiny
sea."*

What time is it:
NAAV posted the
below clip in 2025, it
stands as a testament
of time one year later
in our 250-year
celebration of
America's existence.
"The sun climbs high,
a golden hue, Days
grow long, skies are
blue. Warmth
surrounds, a gentle
hand across the sun-
kissed land. Rivers
flow, and breezes sigh,
As summer days drift
gently by." (*AI Generated)

<https://hellopoetry.com/tag/springtime/>

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http://en.chinaculture.org/focus/focus/2011/xixia/2011-05/09/content_413692.htm

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<https://www.panmacmillan.com/blogs/literary/poems-for-spring#:~:text=Sonnet%2098,%2D%2Dand%20lets%20me%20go;>

<https://nz.pinterest.com/pin/619667230015475192/#:~:text=Under%20a%20sun%2Dkissed%20sky%2C%20the%20canvas%20of%20amidst%20a%20vast%20sea%20of%20emerald%20grass>

solar hue should remind us of time's energy fades. 250 years speaks to America of how God has shed His grace.

VETERAN NEWS ~

Veterans News and What's New

The **National Association of American Veterans, Inc. (NAAV)** received two (2) electric wheelchairs a **Golden Lite Rider** and a **Jazzy Elite HD** donated by the Benton family in Arlington, Virginia on June 16, 2026. The Benton's would like to have the two (2) electric wheelchairs to be awarded to two disabled veterans who needs mobility assistance. The family hope that these two electric wheelchairs can help make life easier for a disabled veteran who has sacrificed for our nation by providing safety for this nation. The two wheelchairs were used by a member of the Benton family now deceased. The electric wheelchairs are in good condition and have battery charges that go with them. The NAAV, Inc. was referred by the Veterans Services in Arlington, Virginia to the Benton Family for locating a disabled veteran most in need of mobility assistance.

If you are a disabled veteran most in need of an electric wheelchair and reside in the DMV Metro Area, please call Constance Burns, President, CEO and Veterans Service Officer at office: (202) 465-3296 or email: info@naavets.org. Thank you.

Title: **Veterans' Voices Magazine Published Poetry by Janice Walker, U.S. Army Veteran ... Writing as Therapy**

On June 8, 2026, the **National Association of American Veterans, Inc. (NAAV)** a non-profit 501 (c) (3) veterans service organization received two poems from Janice Walker, a U.S. Army veteran of Macon, Georgia that NAAV gave rental and household emergency assistance relief to this year. Her two poems were published in the **Veterans' Voices Magazine** in the Spring 2026 Edition titled **"I Am Grateful for the Kindness of Others"** and **"Prayer in Season and Out of Season."**

The **National Association of American Veterans, Inc. (NAAV)** offers monthly Spiritual Wellness, Scripture Readings and Moments of Meditation messages on its website at www.naavets.org to provide encouragement and comfort from the Holy Bible for our nation's service members, veterans and their caregivers and family members nationwide.

All too often, severely injured soldiers, disabled veterans and their families do not get any extra financial help during their recovery period. Soldiers only get their base pay, and their medical care covered. Retired veterans suffer from income loss due to the nature of their injuries. Usually, veterans will apply to non-profit organizations such as NAAV to help them to be able to stay at the military hospitals, to get assistance for clothes for their children, travel home and back, and family household needs such as rental, utility, and telephone bills. Most often it is a very difficult and sad time for the family, managing medical problems along with mounting financial household difficulties. Your donation will help support those



who served
and are
serving in
the U.S.
Armed
Forces
worldwide.
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ANNOUNCEMENT:

Event: Department of War 2026 Summer of Service
Freedom250 Pentagon Charity Fair:

* **Where:** The Pentagon – 2nd Floor Apex 9 &10 **Date:** Thursday, July 22,
2026, **Event Time:** 11:00am – 1:00pm

NAAV will participate in this event: Represented by CEO Constance A. Burns
Background: The Department of War (DoW) Voluntary Campaign Office have
potential volunteer fairs at the Pentagon and the Mark Center to connect
DoW personnel with charities that support our communities.
Participating charities will have the opportunity to educate DoW personnel and
their families on ways they can volunteer to support the organization's mission.

www.naavets.org click on Donate Today!

Exciting news:

NAAV received **two electric
wheelchairs** that we are looking to
donate to someone in need. Please
contact NAAV , if interested at: Email:
info@naavets.org



- ✦ The **Cornerstone Care Coalition** is currently seeking additional partners, volunteers, and funding support to expand its community health and wraparound services addressing food insecurity, housing stability, and behavioral health needs.

We currently have approximately 37 active members, including advisory leaders and community volunteers. We have been looking for people to assist with the program since February and that is when we started. Again, thank you so much.

Warm regards,
Mary

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#1 feeding Produce in our Ward 8 community & # 2 feeding in Washington, DC



The JJ Center, Inc.

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The JJ Center is a faith-based nonprofit organization operating in the Washington, D.C. area (specifically serving Wards 7 and 8). Operating on the philosophy of "using food as medicine", they provide nutritious groceries to individuals and families residing in food deserts, as well as educational workshops and health initiatives.

Contact: 1-877-JJ-CARHE (1-877-552-2743)

Email: hello@jjcenter.org

Website: [The JJ Center Official Portal](#)

Get Involved: See what they are working on via [The JJ Center Facebook Page](#)



A SOURCE FOR WOMEN ~

Veterans Voices Magazine is a Veteran Magazine founded in 1946 in Kansas City, Missouri. **Veterans Voices Magazine** is a Veteran Magazine created with veterans in mind as well as civilian supporters and family members. The Mission of the Veterans Voices Writing Project is to enable military veterans to experience solace and satisfaction through their writing program. The organization's team believe that writing and graphic arts can help veterans process thoughts, feelings, and ideas they otherwise keep hidden, sometimes masking PTSD. Seeing their writing and art published in Veterans' Voices magazine builds self-esteem and helps heal and improves mental health. The Veterans Voices managers believe that expressing our feelings and thoughts written and visual artistic expression allows us to get our feelings out, memorialize them through art and hold them up to examine, reflect on and use to foster healthy change and relationships.

Veterans' Voices Magazine Published Poetry by Janice Walker, U.S. Army Veteran

✚ I Am Grateful for the Kindness of Others

*Sometimes I find myself in need of help from others.
I'm so very grateful for the times I was blessed by another.
Grateful when I experience caring and lovingly was blessed
with times of sharing, caring, and kindness. Grateful for any
help I have received, for kindness given to me. Kindness,
a fruit of the Holy Spirit is such a gift, so loving, so good,
so perfect.*

✚ Prayer in Season and Out of Season



*Along this path of life my journey has brought me to my knees to Christ.
The Lord opened my eyes so I could see that He was really love and my
source of peace.*

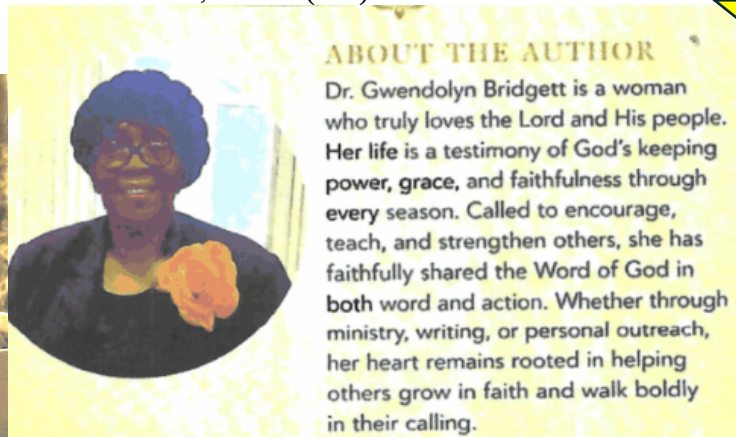
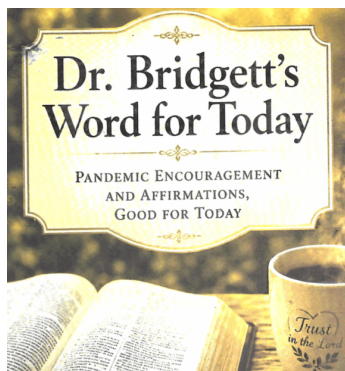
*In amazing grace is a fear, uneasy and unsure, yet my soul found God's
Spirit was my cure.*

When I question, I would pray; sometimes answers didn't come right away.

*Seeking, searching, even writing "Dear God, Dear God" in my prayers, I
found God to be my friend, my father and mother, someone who
unconditionally cares.*

***Poems by: Janice Walker, Macon, GA ~ Writing as Therapy**

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Featured Metaphor: Faded Shades of Hue "Explained"

The book of Matthew 6:25-34 Jesus' Sermon on the Mount record "Don't worry about tomorrow for tomorrow has enough worries for the day, but seek ye first the kingdom of righteousness and all these things shall be added"

How do we live in what feels like a “timeless scene.” That is more of a statement than a question. The phrase “faded shades of hue” struck me as metaphor of how time moves in or like a shadow. Ironically, we in an era of 250 years of America’s history and have seen this country move—fade from shades—of exploration, discovery, war, slavery, Christianity, politics, storms, pandemics, revival, hope, love, joy, pain, life, death, renewal, rebirth, revelations to redemption. Timeless in the passing of time but real in the experience.

~Faded – *An exchange of evaluating what is important while getting rid of the leftovers. The process of fading happens when something is gradually reduced, withdrawn, or removed. Replace with...*

~Shades – *Digging deeper into the black for an inner illumination of spirit. How process of shades happens when light bounces off of surface back onto an object. Getting out of your head—into your heart. Exposure of...*

~Hue – *Letting the sunshine breakthrough your sigh of confusion and finding your foundational identity... the “who” not “what” The involves the process of isolation in order to identify the dominant feature of its source. The core...*

- ❖ Optimism, wisdom, hope living under the same roof in the name of humanity, let peace and sanity arise.

Did you know the “color of hue” is considered a pure color among a multitude of others i.e., orange, green, purple yet it is “pure, stable, and purposeful” in its own right. You and I are that way too – one of many. Just as many Christians believe, God is one of three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The metaphor of *faded shades of hue* is a poignant way of explaining who we are as a people, not necessarily how we began, like over the past 250-year of the making of America, but instead the elemental principles for which we stand—character and identity.

The colors of hue are the character of you from the core *made in the image of God* and shaped by the Son; guided by the Holy Spirit and set apart yet a functional part of the whole of this earth. 250 years isn’t quite that old in the context of eternity.

Let freedom ring as the saying goes. Let the lessons we learn in this world and the scenes that seem to fade amidst the shades of time fill you up with radiant hues of life, love, and the pursuit of happiness. Clue... “Don’t worry about tomorrow...” Stay in the timeless scene of today. I know, metaphorically speaking, something to think about. **R/Sjk**

Editor’s note: Sherri Jones-Kleiner is a Business Board member and Senior Advisor for NAAV, Inc., serving over the past 13 years, and author of a book of poems “Through the Eyes of a Poet”



~~~ Testimonial Highlight and Spiritual Meditation Moments:



In Receipt NAAV sends out a path for resources:



Dear Sir or Madam,

My name is Erica Garza, and I am a proud veteran of the U.S. Army. I honorably completed my service and was discharged after fulfilling my commitment to our country.

I am reaching out to respectfully request financial assistance. In December 2025, I lost my civilian job after several years of dedicated employment with the company. Since then, I have been actively seeking new employment on a daily basis and diligently applying for job opportunities. Despite my efforts, I have only been able to secure four interviews since being laid off. The current job market has been extremely challenging and finding stable employment has proven difficult.

As a result, I am experiencing financial hardship and could greatly benefit from assistance to help cover my monthly living expenses and essential bills while I continue my job search.

I would be sincerely grateful for any assistance or resources you may be able to provide. Thank you for your time, consideration, and support during this difficult period. Your generosity and understanding would mean a great deal to me.

Respectfully,
> Erica Garza



✚ Sharing spiritual moments and insight ---

In the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, we learn about Jesus's strength when He endured the agony of the Cross to save humanity. Our Lord and Savior showed us that strength involves **courage**, **patience**, and **faith** and is not just physical. In the Old and New Testament, we learn that our strength comes from relying on God, trusting in **His divine will**, and having faith in **His amazing love** for humanity. No matter what kind of challenges or difficulties we face in life, we can draw on the strength of God to get through these challenges and storms of life.

- o Here are a few Holy Bible verses about strength to encourage and uplift you when feeling weak. Remember, that our power and strength comes from our LORD God who gives us His **love**, **peace**, and **strength** in our life on earth.

✚ Some Holy Bible Verses About Strength

- o **Psalms 73:26** "My flesh and my heart fail; but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever."



- o **Nehemiah 8:10** "Go your way, eat the fat, drink the sweet, and send portions to those for whom nothing is prepared; for *this day is holy* to the Lord. Do not sorrow, for the joy of the LORD *is* your strength."
- o **Deuteronomy 31:6** "Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the LORD your God, He *is* the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you."
- o **2 Corinthians 12:9** "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness."
- o **Isaiah 40:31** "But those who wait on the LORD shall renew *their* strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint."

✝ Prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father,
I invite You into my heart each and every day to be the Lord of my life you have given me. I pray that You will be Lord over my mind, thoughts, attitude, and emotions. Be Lord over my health, marriage, children, finances, giving, spending, and relationships. Be Lord over my dreams, fears, and future forever. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

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Visit NAAV website at www.naavets.org for more 2026 2nd Quarter testimonies:

.... A simple reminder of love, hope, and giving: **Central Mission** ←



Living and giving made simple

When schedules fall out of balance and clutter fills your life, here are five ways you can practice living lighter:

- 1. FULLY SURRENDER.** Quieting your life to hear God's voice helps you make wise decisions.
- 2. STREAMLINE SCHEDULES.** Every time you say "yes" to something, you're saying "no" to something else. This clarifies what (and who) deserves the gift of your time.
- 3. SPEND WISELY.** Change how you view your finances and give out of what God has given you.

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The **National Association of American Veterans, Inc. (NAAV)** was established in 2005 and incorporated in 2006 to provide programs and services for those who served and are serving in the U.S. Armed Forces worldwide most in need of emergency assistance with transportation, shelter, rent, mortgage, and utilities bills to name a few.



NAAV by the numbers:

As with every year and every season, your generous monthly financial support is most needed to continue NAAV Community Outreach to those who served and are serving in the U.S. Armed Forces with emergency assistance and words of encouragement 24/7. To donate, please visit www.naavets.org.

- NAAV received over **2,360** website hits for emergency assistance and other resources during this second quarter of 2026.
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National Association of American Veterans (NAAV)

We assist service members and disabled veterans, assist with veterans benefits, provide VA assistance and emergency veteran assistance. Disability claims.

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The **National Association of American Veterans (NAAV)** continues to make a meaningful difference in the lives of veterans and their families through acts of kindness, compassion, and generosity. From delivering food and essential supplies to offering emotional support, NAAV shows unwavering dedication to those who have served our country. Your donations can help NAAV reach even more veterans in need. Every contribution, big or small, goes directly toward programs that restore dignity, hope, and stability for our nation's heroes. **Please consider donating today to support this vital mission.** Visit **www.naavets.org** click on **Donate Today!** It all helps. Thank you.

May your summer shine through brightly with many shades of you!

Kindest regards,

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