

Veterans Helping Veterans

Northbrook's New Centralized Military Veteran's Resource

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There are few brotherhoods and sisterhoods as closely knit as those who have shared the experience of having served in the US military. But though that connection can be very close, it's also true that it's easy for those who have served to go unnoticed and unseen. There are currently more than 1,000 military veterans in and around the Northbrook area. Now there is a new resource to help those local veterans and many others connect with each other to request whatever assistance they may need.

The new Northbrook Veterans Center, designated by the IRS as a 501(c)3 entity has debuted as a centralized and very local way to identify, contact and be a resource for those 1,000 area military veterans and their dependents.

Building on the long standing presence of Northbrook's American Legion Post 791 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10236, both located in the heart of downtown Northbrook and along with our partner organizations; The American Legion Auxiliary, the Sons of the American Legion and the American Legion Riders, the Northbrook Veterans Center is being led by Northbrook native Matt Jaeger. Matt is a Marine Corps veteran, a decorated combat helicopter pilot and retired airline Captain. Center President Matt Jaeger said: "Veterans come from all walks of life. They are individuals who have dedicated their lives to the Military service of our country. Our newly established Northbrook Veterans Center is here to assist with the needs of our local veterans so please come see us."

Serving as Secretary is Brian Bruce, attorney and businessman who has long supported the interests of military veterans and their families in the northern suburbs. Brian said, “I am honored to assist in forming this entity to help our local veterans while building awareness of their sacrifices in the local community.”

The aim of the Northbrook Veterans Center is to build the visibility and appreciation of the military veterans who are also a long standing and successful presence in Northbrook and the surrounding communities.

Some of the expected near term efforts of the Northbrook Veterans Center will be to provide a local venue for outreach to area veterans who can use advice on dealing with PTSD and accessing government and private resources, publicizing a College Scholarship program to benefit local high school students, to build awareness of the successful accomplishments of previous scholarship awardees, to promote Military Outreach USA’s Veterans Exiting Homelessness project along with the decades old and still successful Boys State and Girls State programs, to support the Honor Flight program for older veterans and finally, to build outreach to the Northbrook Business community.

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