



DEPARTMENT  
OF  
MARYLAND VFW AUXILIARY  
September 2026



## PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT

The Department will have the opportunity to visit Heroes Ridge, the beautiful retreat center operated by OSC in Sabillasville, Maryland, on September 19, 2026.

*Unfortunately, OSC can only accommodate 10 vehicles – carpooling is highly encouraged.* Additional information can be found in the National President's Visit to Maryland flyer that was emailed on August 6, 2026.

Heroes Ridge is much more than a retreat—it is a sanctuary where wounded, injured, and ill veterans, active-duty service members, caregivers, and military families find healing, encouragement, and renewed purpose. Nestled on 275 scenic acres near Raven Rock Mountain, the property provides a peaceful setting where veterans can reconnect with nature, build friendships, and focus on recovery.

Whether recovering from visible injuries or the invisible wounds of war, veterans discover a supportive community dedicated to helping them move forward with hope and strength.

All services are made possible through the generosity of donors, volunteers, and community partners.

The program focuses on the whole person and not just physical recovery. Veterans can benefit from:

- **Healing retreats** that offer time away from everyday stress in a supportive environment.
- **Outdoor recreation**, including horseback riding, hiking, ATV trails, swimming, and other activities designed to promote physical and emotional wellness.
- **Family and caregiver retreats** that strengthen relationships and allow loved ones to heal together.
- **Peer support**, where veterans connect with others who understand the challenges of military service and recovery.
- **Women's veteran, Battle Buddy, Gold Star Family, and couples retreats** tailored to the unique needs of each group.

These retreats are offered **at no cost** to eligible veterans and military families. Instead of focusing on medical treatment, Heroes Ridge emphasizes restoring confidence, building relationships, reducing stress, and creating lasting memories with family and fellow veterans.

Operation Second Chance is more than an organization — it is a promise! A promise that our Veterans will be supported, respected, and uplifted as they navigate the challenges that follow service. With your partnership, OSC continues its mission of compassion, resilience, and unwavering dedication to those who have sacrificed for our freedom.

## **JOIN US IN SUPPORTING OPERATION SECOND CHANCE**

### **Ways to Participate?**

- Auxiliary-level donations
- Special events benefiting OSC
- Awareness campaigns
- Purchase OSC Tee Shirt(s) – See Order form in mailer

### **DONATIONS**

Make payable to: Department of MD VFW Auxiliary  
Earmark: Presidents Special Project  
Mail to: Jackie Kimball, PDP Department Treasurer  
1019 Queen Avenue, Salisbury, MD 21801

Attached is a Revised Order Form for OSC Tee Shirts to include Medium short sleeve shirts. Currently, long sleeves are not available. As a reminder, reports are due on the 31<sup>st</sup> of the month.

Every act of support helps our heroes move forward with strength, dignity and hope!

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# OPERATION SECOND CHANCE

## T-SHIRT ORDER FORM



NAME \_\_\_\_\_

AUXILIARY# \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

### COST OF SHIRT

LONG/SHORT SLEEVE

**\$25.00**



FRONT



BACK

### PAYMENT METHOD



Cash



**PAYABLE TO DEPT OF MD VFWA**  
Earmark: President's Special Project

| SIZE    | TYPE OF SHIRT (Short/Long) | QTY |
|---------|----------------------------|-----|
| Small   |                            |     |
| Medium  |                            |     |
| Large   |                            |     |
| X-Large |                            |     |
| 2X      |                            |     |
| 3X      |                            |     |

### DELIVERY METHOD



Pick Up

DATE PICKUP \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION \_\_\_\_\_

- Short Sleeve
- Long Sleeve
- Sweatshirt
- Hoodie

*(Sweatshirt/Hoodies Avail Later)*

| TOTAL SHIRTS | TOTAL AMOUNT | CASH | CHECK |
|--------------|--------------|------|-------|
|              |              |      |       |

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