



DEPARTMENT OF MARYLAND VFW AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT



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Operation Second Chance is a dedicated group of patriotic citizens committed to serving wounded, injured, and ill combat veterans. The organization supports Veterans and their families by building meaningful relationships, addressing immediate needs, and raising public awareness of the sacrifices made by our Armed Forces.

Support ranges from meals, cookouts, and entertainment to morale-building retreats and financial assistance. Help may include utilities, mortgage payments, medical equipment, grocery gift cards, clothing, travel, and vehicle repairs for individual wounded soldiers and their families.

Founded in 2004 by CEO Cindy McGrew, Operation Second Chance began when she offered support to seven injured soldiers and their families at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. Since then, the organization has provided more than \$9 million in assistance and support through the generosity of Americans who stand behind these heroes.



Located on 275-acre property spanning MD and PA, it has 4 cabins including 2 ADA-accessible, 20' X 50' saltwater pool, dining hall, gym, a barn and horses, along with a full basketball court, football field, recreation room, hiking trails, ATVs for riding, playground, fishing, and fire pits.

ACTIVITIES & PROGRAMS provide a safe place to reconnect in a therapeutic setting.

Battle Buddies	Connects veterans with fellow service members for support and community.
Caregiver Retreats	Offer massages, yoga, cooking classes, gardening, art classes, and other wellness activities for those who care for our veterans.
Family Healing	Includes war-artifact scavenger hunts, family dinners, opportunities to meet other families, and celebrations.
Service Projects	Engages participants in building birdhouses, maintaining trails, and creating art installations.

HORSE CONNECTION offers Veterans a unique opportunity to feel seen, valued, and understood. Horses respond honestly and without judgment, creating a powerful environment for healing and growth.

HEALTH & WELLNESS PROGRAM These are not add-ons; they are the foundation of everything they do! Nutrition, Nature Bathing, restore mobility and functional strength, reduce chronic pain and stiffness. Whether through guided movement, walking trails, light physical activity they rediscover what their bodies can do, safely and confidently.

DONATIONS: Auxiliaries can make a monetary donation by mailing a check to Department Treasurer Jackie Kimball, PDP Payable to Department of Maryland VFW Auxiliary, ear mark "Presidents Special Project"



I have order forms available to purchase OSC short and long sleeve tee shirts. The cost is:
\$25.00 and will be available at the Homecoming and District Visits.

