# VLP NEWSLETTER



# **VETERANS LEADERSHIP PROGRAM**

**SERVING VETERANS SINCE 1982** 

## **JOIN VLP FOR OUR 21ST** ANNUAL VETERANS DAY **BREAKFAST**

Monday, November 11, 2019 | 8AM at Duquesne University

Considered to be one of the largest Veterans Day breakfasts in Pennsylvania, this occasion brings together 600 quests—including Veterans who served in WWII to the recent conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. We enjoy a meal together, honor those who have served, and hear their inspiring stories.



### STAND DOWN PITTSBURGH VLP held our 12th Annual Stand Down Pittsburgh on

Saturday, October 5th that served hundreds of Veterans and their families at our office on Smallman Street. Thank you to our volunteers, sponsors, and

community partners who helped make make the event so successful and impactful!



### VLP was honored by the Pittsburgh Pirates at PNC Park! Additionally, VLP was presented with a

VLP HONORED BY PIRATES CHARITIES

generous check from PNC for our 12th Annual Stand Down Pittsburgh. Thank you to the Pirates Charities and PNC for joining our mission to empower Veterans!



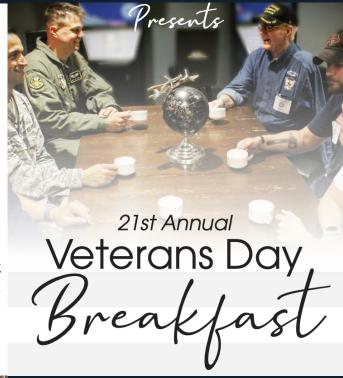
### 5K race with 20 Obstacles at PNC Park. Fitness plays an important role in VLP's

The VLP Team took on the Spartan Stadion, an intense

holistic wellness programs to improve mental and physical health, reduce substance abuse, and

VETERAN RESOURCE FAIR

promote a higher quality of living among veterans.



# VETERAN SPOTLIGHT

Meet Chester, a United States Navy Veteran.

VLP HUD Program Coordinator, Robert Davis, learned of Chester's housing situation late one Tuesday night. Robert spent the evening calling landlords to secure housing options. By 8AM the next morning, Robert had located, inspected, and signed the lease and moved Chester into his new apartment.

Welcome Home Veteran Chester!



### VLP hosted a group of volunteers for the 2019

UNITED WAY DAY OF CARING

United Way Women's Leadership Council Day of Caring. The volunteers spent the day cleaning the homes of Veterans in our Project Journey Program. Project Journey, funded through the United Way,

provides emergency housing and financial assistance to Women Veterans experiencing unforseen hardships.



# VLP's Chief Development Officer, Toshua Jarrett, was honored as a 2019 Empowering Woman in Business by Inspiring Lives Magazine.

Toshua was chosen for her passion and humility in the

way that she advocates and secures funding for our local Veterans in need. Each day, because of Toshua's impact, Veterans living on the streets are able to move into safe and stable housing, Veterans who are unemployed are able to receive job placement and readiness training, and Veterans in need can receive support and care.
Congratulations, Toshua! SPARTAN STADION - PNC PARK PNC PARK, PITTSBURGH PA



#### VLP participated in the Veteran Resource Fair hosted by VLP's Chief Operating Officer, Christy Pietryga, Representative Sara Innamorato and Representative Jake served as a speaker at Duquesne University's 10th

#### Wheatley. VLP's CEO, Dr. Ben Stahl, and Veterans Court Service Coordinator, Jessica Adams, served as speakers on the Veteran Services Q+A Panel.

**VA MENTAL HEALTH SUMMIT** The VLP Team attended the 2019 VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System Mental Health Summit.

mental health practitioners on the programing offered to the Veterans and families of our region.

#### Annual McGinley-Rice Symposium on Homelessness. Christy discussed the the ways VLP is working to end Veteran homelessness.

MCGINLEY-RICE SYMPOSIUM

FEDERAL PERMANENT HOUSING CONFERENCE VLP attended the 2019 Federal Permanent Housing

homelessness in the current affordable housing crisis.

# NOVEMBER EVENTS AT VLP

- SUPPORTIVE SERVICES
- Hidden Heroes- Veteran Caregiver Luncheon
- Workforce Wednesdays | 10AM-4PM • Rallypoint Veteran Support Group

• Thursdays | 10AM with Pittsburgh Mercy

Tuesdays | 11AM (Childcare Provided)

- · Advantage Credit Counseling Thursdays | 9:30AM-4:30PM
- LANDLORD OPEN HOUSE

### OCTOBER 29 | 6:00 - 8:00 PM VLP - 2934 SMALLMAN STREET Join the Pittsburgh Veterans Boot

Camp Committee's fight to end Veteran homelessness by becoming a Veteran Landlord Partner!Learn about the benefits of

renting through our housing programs while networking with

local organizations.

#### at the 2019 Veterans Day Parade throughout Downtown Pittsburgh!

DOWNTOWN PITTSBURGH

Celebrate the 100th Veterans Day

Are you a Veteran that would like to join us in the parade?

### on Homelessness. The conference is focused on solutions to ending

Conference held by the VA, U.S. Department of Housing

and Urban Development, and the U.S. Interagency Council

**WOMEN VETERAN EVENTS** 

• 11/15 Women Veterans Luncheon | 11AM

• 11/19 Women Veterans Book Club | 10AM

## • 11/10 Yoga & Smoothies | 10 AM

• 11/20 Yoga & Smoothies | 7PM

For more information or to RSVP contact:

gerhauserp@vlpwpa.org or 412-481-8200

**VETERANS DAY PARADE** VETERANS DAY BREAKFAST

> Considered to be the largest Veterans Day breakfast in the state of Pennsylvania,

NOVEMBER 11 | 8:00 AM

DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY

we annually bring together nearly 700 guests and Veterans to honor those who have served. Purchase your tickets today!



Contact us at ernstm@vlpwpa.org

**VETERANS LEADERSHIP PROGRAM** 

**SERVING VETERANS SINCE 1982** 

2934 SMALLMAN STREET

PITTSBURGH, PA 15201

(412) 481-8200 ÌNFO@VLPWPA.ORG