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Morgantown Marathon - HOT

The 2nd Annual Morgantown Marathon in support of Operation Welcome Home is back in action. The Morgantown Marathon Weekend will kick off Thursday September 15th at the Monogalia County Baseball Park starting at 6:00PM with a family friendly Fun Run/Walk. The activities don't stop there! On Friday, September 16th the Chamber of Commerce Business Breakfast at the National Guard Readiness Center will feature keynote speaker

Bryan Anderson (Purple Heart Recipient and triple amputee). Anderson's inspiring message of perseverance and determination, in addition to the other organizations he supports is not something to miss. Tickets start at \$25; seating is limited. If an inspirational story isn't enough to have you running to register, there are plenty of other family friendly events throughout the weekend. The Massage Envy Health and Wellness Expo held at the National Guard Readiness Center on

Friday and Saturday, along with the Mountain Mama 8k on Saturday and the Full and Half-Marathon on Sunday will have your family happily running for the hills; literally! For more information visit: www.morgantownmarathon.com or e-mail Race Director Jamie Summerlin at: RD@morgantownmarathon.com



DO YOU HAVE JOB VACANCIES? WE HAVE VETERANS WITH THE SKILLS YOU WANT

We are reaching more Veterans! Through a combined effort of attending Job Fairs, the Home Show, Job Listing Sites and Community involvement, we've been able to reach over 50 new Veterans that need employment in less than six months. The number will only grow in the coming months so stay tuned!

Since we have more

Veterans as Job Candidates with Operation Welcome Home, we need more jobs!

Our Goal is to have at least one major employer in the Morgantown and/or the surrounding areas come to Operation Welcome Home for Open Interviews. With the success of events like the Panera Bread open interviews and the WVU Medicine Open interviews,

we need more employers that want to hire a hero. If you have a connection with or are an employer in the area, please let us know.



Grant Donations



Trella Greaser from Interim Healthcare. Interim HealthCare Inc. is the nation's oldest health care franchise company. In reading through our history you'll find an innovative company built on the commitment and dedication of franchisees who have made valuable contributions to the communities they serve.

Operation Welcome Home would like to extend a heartfelt "Thank you" for the generosity of Interim Healthcare for awarding a \$1500.00 grant in order to continue our work for Veterans in the community. More Thanks are in order for Northrop Grumman's grant award of \$750.00 that will help with Veteran Employment.



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The generosity of organizations like Interim Healthcare and Northrop Grumman make it possible for Operation Welcome Home to focus on our mission. Words cannot express how much these donations make a difference in the lives of Veterans in our community. Thank you Interim Healthcare and Northrop Grumman!

Mountain Line Transit to OWH

Operation Welcome Home is pleased to announce Mountain Line Transit service to our facility at Mylan Park. The levy funded expansion travels to Mylan Park on the Green Line Route 3 several times a day Monday through Saturday. This is a great opportunity for Veterans and Dependents that need more flexibility with travel arrangements!



For more information on Bus routes and times, visit www.busrider.org or download the bus rider mobile app.

Mock Interviews

July 28, 2016 was a great day for our Veterans since Mylan Pharmaceuticals and WVU Talent and Acquisition came to Operation Welcome Home for Mock Interviews. Veterans received immediate feedback and assistance during the interview process. Veterans that attended the Mock Interviews said the information they received made a difference in how to approach their next

interview. Veteran attendees of the Mock Interviews were guaranteed an interview position for the Mylan Interviews that took place in August of 2016.



A successful partnership.

Multiple Open Interviews

Operation Welcome Home is always dedicated to the finding sustainable employment for Veterans and their dependents. Since February of 2016, we have had at least one major employer per month from the Morgantown area. Each employer had an exclusive hiring event

for Veterans, including three of the top five employers in West Virginia. Operation Welcome Home recently had Enterprise Rental Car, TeleTech, and Mylan Pharmaceuticals at our facility for Open Interviews. Each employer offers excellent

benefits and accepts a wide variety of experience for various positions. Interview slots tend to fill up, so we recommend following Operation Welcome Home on social media, or go to our website and subscribe for the most up-to-date information.



Jobs, Jobs, JOBS!

Veterans Benefits Class



Full house for the Veterans Benefit Class

On Monday, June 13th Operation Welcome Home hosted a Veterans Benefit Class. The event was a huge success with a full house of Veterans and dependents coming out. Great information was

disseminated to all in attendance and some perfect connections were made. Everyone in attendance mentioned they gained at least one piece of valuable information they didn't know about or wouldn't have considered if they didn't take the time to attend. Thanks to all our presenters; Congressman Mckinley's Office, Seamon Law Offices. DAV, Morgantown VA Vet Center, Sierra Pacific Mortgage, Edward Jones Financial, WV Fair Housing Action Network, VFW, Workforce WV and WVU.

Black Bears Military Appreciation

The West Virginia Black Bears hosted the 2nd Annual the Veterans Appreciation Ball Game on July 21st. Thanks to IT Mindshare, Operation Welcome Home was able to give away 20 free tickets to this event. During the game, OWH auctioned signed jerseys from the players in camo fatigue with the OWH logo. We were able to raise over \$5,000! Thank you IT Mindshare, The West Virginia Black Bears, and all of the patrons that participated in the silent auction and



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50-50 raffle. Operation Welcome Home depends on partnerships with the community to continue supporting our Veterans.

Veterans to Agriculture Training



Sen. Kent Leonhardt, Jamie Summerlin, Brett Simpson, Louis Aspey

Operation Welcome Home's Veterans to Agriculture Training Program is making progress! This project, funded by the USDA-NRCS, represents collaboration among nonprofits and educational institutions that include Operation welcome Home. PACE Enterprises, Mylan Park, Monogalia County Board of Education, WVU Extension and the

USDA. OWH will fund construction of the high-tunnel and start-up supplies and equipment. A half-time graduate student from WVU will oversee the project and serve as lead trainer under supervision. Clients of PACE Enterprises will work in the high-tunnel to maintain corps and learn basic gardening and agricultural techniques to address the need for daily care. The program will afford Veterans the opportunity to learn the key elements of operating a high tunnel and leave with the knowledge and working business model to operate as their own boss while providing fresh produce and products to the residents of West Virginia. We'll keep you updated on this amazing opportunity.

WVU Day of Service



Day of service student orientation at Mylan Park

Our community partner, WVU's Center for Service and Learning, had a great turn out for the 2nd annual Day of Service on Saturday, August 13th. Volunteers assigned to Operation Welcome Home helped beautify the property. Volunteers are a part of what make any non-profit organization successful. We appreciate the continuous assistance we receive from WVU's Center for Service and Learning. If you are in need

of volunteers for a project or your organization, e-mail Alexis McMillen at: alexis.mcmillen@mail.wvu.edu or visit WVU's Center for Service and Learning website at: <http://service.wvu.edu>.

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Business Planning 101

Do you want to be your own boss? The first step to owning or starting a business is a business plan. On Thursday, October 13th from 1PM to 3PM Operation Welcome Home will host Business Planning 101 with Sharon Stratton from the West Virginia Small Business Development Center. All Veterans and dependents are Welcome. Space will be limited. RSVP information will be released closer to the event.

Veteran Stand Down

Thursday, September 29th from 9:00AM to 3:00 PM The Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center will host Veteran Stand Down at the New Morgantown National Guard Armory in Morgantown. A wide

range of services and items are being offered. There will also be bus locations for transportation. For more information call: 304-623-3461 Ext. 2068 or 2021.



Veteran Stand Down

Thursday, September 29th 9:00am - 3:00pm
New Morgantown National Guard Armory
90 Army Band Way
Morgantown, WV 26505

2016 OWH Veterans Golf Classic



Friday, September 30th
Lakeview Resort
Morgantown, WV

On Friday, September 30th the 4th Annual Operation Welcome Home Veterans Golf Classic will tee off at Lakeview Resort in Morgantown. This year, we are featuring Honorary

Chairman Jeff Hostetler. Team spots are only \$500 (\$125 for individuals) and are filling up fast! Hole sponsorship opportunities are only \$150! Don't miss out on supporting a great

cause with a fun filled day. For details about sponsorship and publicity options Email Brett Simpson at: bsimpson@welcomehomewv.com

or

Call 681-212-9264. Hope to "Tee" you there!

Finance 101: Down and Dirty Financial Management

Join us at Operation Welcome Home on Thursday, November 10th from 12PM to 2:30PM to discuss financial management skills just in time for the holiday season. Scott Werdebaugh from Integrity Financial Planning will go over

basic budgeting, debt management, and future financial planning. All Veterans and their dependents are welcome to attend, however, seating is limited. More information about this event and others will be available on our website and social media; follow us!

WVU Medicine Open Interviews

On Thursday October 20th, Operation Welcome Home will host open interviews for WVU Medicine for Veterans and their dependents. We will schedule interviews in the near future; Spots are limited! Be sure to follow us on Facebook and sign up for our contact list so you don't miss out on important announcements like this one.

About Our Organization...

Operation Welcome Home is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that is always here to help Veterans find a job in a field that will suit their needs to the best of our ability. Last year alone we were able to place 34 Veterans in full-time employment out of about 40 who were looking for our help. We also provided over 75 Veterans with Seasonal work to put a little extra cash in their pockets throughout the Spring and Summer. We have monthly hiring events and connections in the community to help our Veterans become gainfully employed. We also offer other events to support the Veteran community such as: Resume Workshops, Hang Outs, Sports Outings and Volunteer Events.