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Holiday Party - HOT

Join us for our 4th annual Holiday Social and Recognition Ceremony! On **Thursday, December 8th from 6PM to 8PM.** We will have food from Sorelli's Pizza, Insomnia Cookies, Panera Bread, and more. Celebrate the Holiday Season with fellowship, music, and a brief Recognition Ceremony of community members and businesses that have supported OWH and our veterans this year. If you would like to nominate an organization

or individual for outstanding support go download the nomination form on our website at welcomehmwv.com



and select "Newsletter" then "Holiday Nomination Form". We will also have our annual highlight reel of events throughout the year. If you have any pictures you would like to post, sent them over to Brett at bsimpson@welcomehomewv.com or Ariel at acrawford@paceenterprises.org.

Please RSVP if you plan to party! You don't have to be a Veteran to attend. We welcome all community members! Your attendance will show thanks to our Veterans!

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.



TeleTech and Cheat Lake Rotary; THANKS!



The TeleTech Community Foundation (TTCF) was founded in 2007 based on the principle that education is the key to a successful community.

Operation Welcome Home would like to extend a heartfelt “Thank you” for the generosity of the TeleTech Community Foundation to continue our work for Veterans in the community. The TeleTech grant was awarded to help sustain our ability to provide professional level services in the area of job placement and training to our Veterans without any delay in service. We will

also be able to focus on outreach to the Veteran community to foster more trust in Operation Welcome Home.

More “Thanks” are in order



The Rotary Club of Cheat Lake, located in Morgantown, WV was chartered in March of 1979 by twenty-nine members under the direction of the late Garry Bowers, the club's first President. The Cheat Lake Club became the first breakfast club in the state of West Virginia and carry's on this tradition today.

for The Cheat Lake Rotary Club for their generous donation to maintain our mission of Veteran Employment. The generosity of organizations like TeleTech and Cheat Lake Rotary 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, TeleTech and Cheat Lake Rotary Club!

Need a Ride to OWH?

Operation Welcome Home is pleased to announce Mountain Line Transit service to our facility at Mylan Park. Thanks to the levy passing, the Green line Route 3 travels to Mylan Park 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.

WVU Medicine Open interviews

On October 20, 2016 WVU Medicine conducted open interviews for veterans and dependents at Operation Welcome Home. There were a wide range of positions available. Each participant that came to the Open Interviews received information regarding their job search and a follow-up. WVU Medicine is still looking to fill their positions with veterans and their

dependents. WVU Medicine offers a wide variety of positions, great benefits, upward mobility and job security. If you or a veteran you know are interested in employment with WVU Medicine let us know here at Operation Welcome Home; we have connections!



OWH Partners with American Red Cross for Veterans Services

The Red Cross helps members of the military, veterans and their families prepare for, cope with, and respond to, the challenges of military service. Beginning December 1, the American Red Cross of Northeast West Virginia will be on site at Operation

Welcome Home every **Thursday from 10am-12pm and by appointment.** Feel free to stop by, chat with our VetCorps member, and receive information and services. Some of the services that will be provided are: information and referrals for resources

and benefits, disability claims filing assistance, resiliency education programs, emergency communications assistance, and emergency financial assistance during a personal or family crisis.



OWH and the American Red Cross of Northeast West Virginia partners for Vets!

Veterans Finance Class



*Scott Werdebaugh from Integrity
Financial Planning*

On Thursday, November 17th OWH hosted Scott Werdebaugh from Integrity Financial Planning as he explained proper basic budgeting, debt management, and future financial readiness. Veterans were able to learn

some valuable information on debt management and financial planning. The class explained debt to income ratio, the explanation and importance of a credit score, ways to become debt free and many other ways to control finances. Veterans also received individual take-away information about how they can become more financially independent. **Thanks Scott!** If you missed out on this opportunity, be sure to follow us on social media and sign up for notifications for the next class!

Business Planning 101



*Sharon Stratton from the West
Virginia Small Business
Development Center.*

Operation Welcome Home was able to welcome Sharon Stratton from the West Virginia Small Business Development Center for a basic introduction to business planning on Thursday October 13th.

Veterans were able to receive a specialized introduction on the beginning steps to owning their own business. The information included business planning guide, LLC information, and financial contacts. This class is especially

beneficial to those that are not interested or unable to work for another company. Business Planning 101 will return in the summer, so don't miss the next class!

Veterans to Agriculture Info Sessions!



Operation Welcome Home, in partnership with various community entities, would like to welcome veterans and other interested parties to attend informational session on the highly anticipated Veterans to Agriculture Training Program. **There will be three information sessions beginning in December 2017.** Information sessions will discuss the what, why, where, how and impact of the Veterans to Agriculture program. The ultimate goal is to connect veterans to the

opportunities in the agricultural industry and grow a new "crop" of food producers in West Virginia.

Please spread the word so we can reach any veterans in this region interested in pursuing a career or hobby in agriculture and include them in the first year of this program.

Once the growing season starts we will hold community days in which everyone is invited to come to the garden to relax, work and take home some fresh produce. We look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting and could not be more excited to get this program up and running! Please follow us on Social media @welcomehomewv and sign up for notifications on our website for specific details.

Veterans Golf Classic

Despite a heavy down pour, golfers came to Lakeview Resort on Friday, September 30th for a great day of comradery and fundraising. Rain AND Shine, the 4th Annual Operation Welcome Home Veterans Golf Classic was a huge Success! The event started as a classy affair with the Marine Corp League Color Guard and our Honorary Chairman. Golfers enjoyed a host of complimentary items, great team play, and pure fellowship. The day came to a close with an awards presentation and amazing dinner hosted by the Lakeview Golf Resort. Special thanks to our Honorary Chairman, Jeff Hostetler, for taking his time to come out and support our Veterans and service community! Thanks to the Golf Tournament Committee, Lakeview Resort and all of the volunteers we were able to

raise money for operating costs that support Operation welcome Home. We are looking forward to next year's Veterans Golf Classic!



*Honorary Chairman, Jeff
Hostetler at the opening
ceremony*

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Veterans Benefit Class

It's BACK!! Operation welcome Home will host another benefits information session on **Thursday, February 23rd**. This event will be bigger and better than before with more time for speakers and more space for attendees. If you or a loved one has questions about various benefits and services geared towards veterans

and dependents, you don't want to miss this class! RSVP information will be released closer to the event. Follow us on Social media @welcomemwv and sign up for notifications on our website. Don't miss out on any updates for this event!

If you would like to be a guest briefer for this session let us know ASAP.

WVU Open interviews

Join Operation Welcome Home and Charlotte Swinger, Senior Employment Outreach Specialist with WVU Talent and Strategy on **Thursday, January 12th from 12PM to 3PM** as we host open interviews with West Virginia University!

WVU has always been committed to military veterans in the workplace. Along with great benefits and job security, WVU also offers reasonable accommodations for veterans with disabilities. Don't miss out on this opportunity to work for

Open interviews Lowe's



Improving Home Improvement

Does a desk job sound like torture? Lowe's is the perfect place to ease your job search blues! On February 9th Operation Welcome Home will host open interviews with Lowe's. More information about requirements and location will be released closer to the event.

one of the best Military-Friendly schools! Follow us on social media for more details on how to RSVP for this event.



Gear Up!

Grab some gear! Show the world you support Operation Welcome Home and our veterans by wearing a shirt and/or hat. Operation Welcome

Home Oigo Hats and long sleeve shirts are available for \$20.00. Short Sleeve Shirts are available for \$15.00. Contact us to purchase yours today!



Motown Santa Speedo Run

The Motown Santa Speedo Run will take place on **Saturday December 10th**. Proceeds will benefit Operation Welcome Home and the Hoss Foundation, Rotary Club of Cheat Lake. If running downtown Motown in a Santa Speedo or Bikini sounds like holiday cheer, be sure to grab your tickets here: <http://mainstagewv.tunestub.com/> or visit Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/249057258830760/> for more details.

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.