



HVAF Happenings

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"I'm so happy to be with HVAF" Navy vet lands job through our programs

In 1990, Jimmy Potts joined the United States Navy. Starting at the Naval Station Great Lakes in Illinois for his training and education, Jimmy went on to serve for six years—being a part of Desert Shield and serving for eight months in Iraq for Desert Storm.

Fast forward to 22 years later— Jimmy found himself homeless in May 2018. He lost his job and his apartment. Thankfully, a friend told him about HVAF and he called to receive help.

Now, Jimmy lives in our Manchester Apartments— which are connected to our headquarters off of Pennsylvania Street. Through our employment program, he was able to land a job working the front desk at the VA Hospital. He is also involved with Back On My Feet: a non-profit housed in HVAF Headquarters that combats homelessness through the power of running, community support, and essential employment and housing resources.



Since May 2018, Jimmy has received support from HVAF— specifically in our employment program.

"The camaraderie with Back on My Feet is just outstanding— everyone I have either ran with or walked with," Jimmy said. "It's just a wonderful opportunity to do that."

While he was receiving resume help from our employment team, Jimmy also volunteered in our food, clothing, and hygiene pantry. He said he likes to volunteer in our pantry because he is able to give back to the community and to HVAF.



Jimmy and a volunteer at the VA Hospital, with the oldest living Navy vet in the State of Indiana.

"I'm very blessed and I'm just so happy to be with HVAF," Jimmy said. "I recommend it

to anyone who needs assistance or help, it will help veterans to get motivated and back into civilian life."

Jimmy participated in last November's Monumental Marathon race with his fellow Back On My Feet participants.



From HVAF President & CEO Brian Copes

Our 25th Anniversary Gala is imminent - Saturday, February 16th at the Indiana Roof Ballroom (a VERY classy venue). Dress is business formal (suit and tie) or optional is tux and bowtie. The Board Chair and I will look back at our first 25 years and then offer a glimpse of the way-ahead for the next 25.

We do NOT envision EVER moving away from our core mission of helping homeless and at-risk veterans but... the array of services we provide and the manner in which we provide them must evolve to meet the need and adapt to the operating environment.

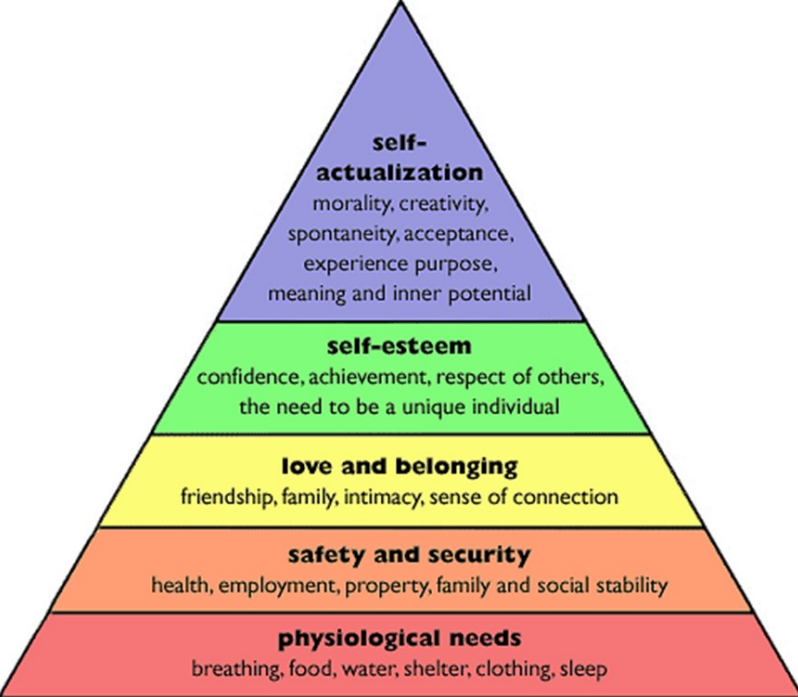
What I am ever-mindful of guarding and preserving is the culture of passion, compassion, and professionalism each member of Team HVAF delivers in their daily face-to-face interactions with the veterans we serve.

Our desired outcome for all our clients will remain the best possible level of self-sufficiency and the best possible quality-of-life. While each client is unique, their basic needs are universal.

Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs is useful in expressing the needs we help meet for our clients - Physiological Needs (food, clothing, shelter, warmth, rest), Safety Needs (security, stability), and Psychological Needs (belonging, relationships). We also help meet their Esteem Needs by recognizing and respecting their military service and status as a veteran. What HVAF delivers is simple - but not easy, and not quick.

Our upcoming 25th Gala is the public launch of a multi-year, multi-million dollar capital campaign to raise funds for three, long-term (open-ended), veteran-centric initiatives - a Recovery Center, a Crisis Housing Center, and an expanded Workforce Development Group.

Thank you to our faithful volunteers, generous donors, and supportive partners. We could not properly serve our veterans, or fulfill our mission, without your continued support and encouragement. HOO-AAH!!



Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs

DON'T FORGET: HVAF's

*“From Silver to Gold:
The Next 25”*

is only a few weeks away!

*Open bar reception, gourmet dinner,
silent auction, dancing and more!*

Early Bird ends TONIGHT!

Search “HVAF's 25th Anniversary Gala”

HVAF Highlights {January}



*Salesforce donated
hundreds of emergency
backpacks*



*Indiana Podiatry
Group donated
5,000+ socks*

*IUPUI spent
their MLK Day
volunteering in
our pantry!*



*Lots of HVAF employees
spent the coldest night in
January participating in the
PIT Count*

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***Our food pantry is very low!!
Please consider donating es-
sential food items such as
ravioli, rice, canned meat,
granola bars, and more!***

Please drop off your donations to HVAF today!