

Salute Our Heroes

in Honor of Veterans Day, Sunday Nov. 11th



Be part of an extraordinary salute to the men and women living on Long Island who fought for our freedom. Purchase, and then wear a **MISSION UNITED** shirt or knit hat on **Monday, November 12th in recognition of Veterans Day.** (Actual day is Nov. 11).

Long Island is home to more than 100,000 veterans. United Way of Long Island's **MISSION UNITED** works with veterans and their families as they transition to civilian life by offering crucial programs and services that assist with employment, education, and health.

For a \$15 contribution, you will receive a short sleeve shirt or knit hat (long sleeve shirt for \$20) and have the opportunity to proudly display your company's support for Long Island military families. Proceeds from this **MISSION UNITED** campaign will provide emergency financial assistance, employment and job training, and case management for returning military personnel.

Submit your company order form, (please do not submit individual forms) as soon as possible but no later than October 5, 2018.

For more information contact Michael Cooney at mcooney@unitedwayli.org or 631.940.3702 or Janet Ciminelli at jciminelli@unitedwayli.org or 631.940.6530.



Mission United T-Shirt Order Form 2018

Purchase your 2018 shirt(s) or knit hats or Purchase for a Veteran

Deadline is October 5, 2018

(A) Short Sleeve T-Shirt (\$15)*

	quantity	amount
small		
medium		
large		
XL		
XXL		
XXXL		
<input type="checkbox"/> Purchase a shirt for a veteran		
TOTAL:		

*Sizes 2 & 3XL at \$2.00 and \$3.00 additional charge for short sleeve

(B) Long Sleeve T-Shirt (\$20)*

	quantity	amount
small		
medium		
large		
XL		
XXL		
XXXL		
<input type="checkbox"/> Purchase a shirt for a veteran		
TOTAL:		

*Sizes 2 & 3XL at \$3.00 and \$5.00 additional charge for long sleeve

(C) Knit Hat (\$15)

	quantity	amount
dark heather		
pink		
<input type="checkbox"/> Purchase a hat for a veteran		
TOTAL:		

TOTAL A+B+C:

Name: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

All orders require payment at time of submission.

Credit Card/Payment Information

(make check payable to United Way of Long Island with Mission United in memo)

AMEX MC VISA CHECK

Name as it appears on card: _____

Card Number: _____

Expiration date: _____ / _____ Code: _____

Signature: _____

**Submit All Orders No Later Than
October 5, 2018**

T-Shirt or knit hat Pick-Up Information MISSION UNITED shirts will be available for pick up during business hours (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) on Tues. Weds. & Thurs. at United Way of Long Island, 819 Grand Boulevard, Deer Park. You will be notified when your order is ready for pick up.

Please send your order form to Michael Cooney, United Way of Long Island at mcooney@unitedwayli.org, or call 631.940.3702 for additional information. Orders must be received by October 5, 2018 and cannot be accepted after this date.

Saluting Our Soldiers: Your Dollars Impacting Our Veterans

United Way of Long Island's Mission United initiative supports programs that serve Long Island's military, veterans and their families in the areas of case management, job training and emergency financial assistance.



PARTNER AGENCIES

Association for Mental Health & Wellness:
631.924.8088 ext. 1503

Provides supportive case management connecting veterans to available services and emergency financial assistance.

Family Service League: 631.650.2182

Provides emergency aid to financially struggling military personnel, veterans and their families.

Make It Count Foundation: info@makeitcountfoundation.org

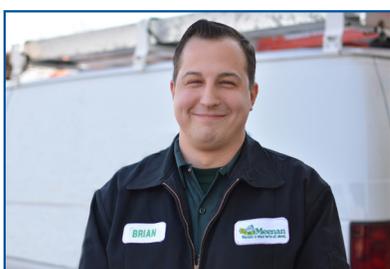
Provides resources for Optimal Housing, Education and Health.

Mental Health Association of Nassau County:
516.489.2322 ext. 1202

Provides supportive case management connecting veterans to available services and emergency financial assistance.

United Veterans Beacon House: 631.665.1571

Provides supportive case management and emergency financial assistance. Screens and enrolls veterans in United Way's VetsBuild job training program.



Finding His Purpose

Upon graduating high school, Brian, of Coram knew that he wanted to serve his country and enlist in the U.S. Army. In 2006, at the age of 17, he joined as an infantryman on the front lines in the war against terror. While

enlisted, he felt a deep sense of purpose, choosing to remain in Infantry instead of transferring to other jobs like many others do.

“Some guys in the army do infantry, and then transition to other jobs like welding, or mechanics. Then, once you get out, you have years of specialized training in a field under your belt,” Brian explained. “For me, I joined to be an infantryman, to serve where it counts, on the front lines. I spent seven years of my life doing just that, including multiple tours overseas. I am proud of that, but when you get out.... You feel useless and lost.”

Brian left the Army in 2013, and like many veterans, found it difficult to find employment. Money got tight, he was paying bills with his credit card, and he knew something needed to change. Part-time work was easier to find, and he was lucky to have a support system in his parents, but the bills, and his stress level, kept climbing.

After being laid-off from a full-time position at a gas and electric company that closed, Brian found United Way of Long Island's VetsBuild program and immediately enrolled. “I took every bit of training that VetsBuild offered – green home energy audit training, construction training, IT training, and GasPro training,” Brian said. It was the training with Northeast Gas Specialist's GasPro program that kick-started Brian's new career path.

Through the connections he made in VetsBuild, Brian was hired to repair air conditioning and natural gas units for two years, then in 2017, he was hired by Meenan as a service technician. He's thriving, learning new skills and growing a successful career.

“I would tell other veterans to just not give up – I struggled, we all struggle,” explained Brian. “When you're in the military, you know your job is important, but when you become a civilian, you get home and can't find a purpose. I've met a number of veterans who were in a worse place than me, and I tell them about VetsBuild. United Way makes it so easy to join, and at least you're trying something – something to get you out of the hole that you're in – a way to learn a skill and find a career.”

For Brian, VetsBuild was the start of a new life, one filled with purpose and meaning. He reflected, “I would still be struggling, at an unfulfilling job, if it weren't for VetsBuild.”