



April Newsletter

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USA Cares' mission is to provide post-9/11 military veterans, service members, and their families with financial assistance and post service skills training to create a foundation for long-term stability. Our services improve the quality of life for veterans and their families and reduce potential factors that can contribute to veteran suicide.

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MISSION MOMENT: Tim Metheny

Before he was USA Cares' Chapters Outreach Director, Tim Metheny spent 33 years in the Army. During that time, he said good-bye to his children more than most fathers do until one day, without knowing it, he said one final goodbye.

[READ HIS STORY](#)

Dear Friends,

You've probably noticed the purple color swap we've made for this month's newsletter. It's in dedication to our military children and the Month of the Military Child.



So often our focus is on those who serve or have served, and how their service effects them. Unfortunately, that often means we forget the families that support them and, in particular, the children.

Simply born into circumstance, military children face unique challenges. Two of my own sons lived the military-child life before I retired from the Army. I've included a picture of the oldest, Michael, who served five years in the Army. It's a reminder that our military children often grow up and *become* our military. Research shows military children are twice as likely to follow in their parents' footsteps than the general public.

Our feature story this month is not easy to read. If you've met Tim, you know his dedication to USA Cares and our Chapters Program, but not everyone knows the driving force behind his work. Tim's children provided their own service to our country as their dad rose through the ranks and fulfilled his duties as a soldier.

The unimaginable tragedy that Tim's family faced shines a light on the tremendous effect suicide has on loved ones. There are far too many families of veterans who know the grief Tim and his family deal with every day. It is, put simply, exactly why USA Cares does what it does.

We are blessed with many supporters who know the value of uplifting our military and its veterans. In the story below, you will meet Tyra, a USA Cares supporter and former military child. Her words of wisdom for today's military children are inspiring. I think her father would be proud.

I am grateful to Tim and Tyra for sharing their stories. Their vulnerability in recounting such difficult experiences shows us just how invested they are in USA Cares' mission.

By reading this, I know you are, too. I encourage you to explore the many ways you can support USA Cares, including this month's Facebook Fundraiser (details below). It's important to remember our power in numbers and what recognition can do to expand our resources.

We have an important mission to save lives and in doing so, we are changing so many more. May we never forget the duty we have to uplift and support our military children.

Trace Chesser

President & CEO, USA Cares



Growing Up A Military Child: Tyra Anderson

Tyra's father's time in the service ultimately cost him his life, but instead of resentment for his death, Tyra feels compelled to continue his legacy of service. A proud supporter of USA Cares, Tyra explains why military children like herself wear a special badge of honor.

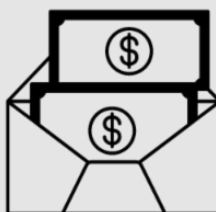
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Year-to-Date Numbers



199 Families
with
234 Children
Assisted



\$448,296.71
of Financial Assistance
Distributed



132
Evictions/Foreclosures
Stopped

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2023 Gala - Buy Your Table Now!



We are celebrating USA Cares' 20th Anniversary at this year's gala! Join us for an elegant evening steeped in military tradition.

Purchase your table or individual tickets here: [BUY NOW](#)

Join USA Cares with your Facebook network to honor military children.



Show your support for our military children by joining USA Cares for our Facebook Fundraiser honoring the Month of the Military Child. Directions to set up your fundraiser (or donate directly) are [here](#).

USA Cares Named Benefitting Nonprofit for Rockin' Derby Eve



In Louisville for the Derby celebration? Don't miss your chance to attend the 2nd Annual Rockin' Derby Eve -- Louisville's Premier After-Oaks Destination celebration, featuring multi-platinum superstar Dustin Lynch and chart-topping duo LOCASH. Proceeds will benefit USA cares. Learn more [here](https://derbyeve.com).

Thank you to the following organizations for supporting USA Cares with grants:

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Altria Give Together Grant
LG&E/KU Foundation
Pilot Company
CSX Transportation
Delta Dental of Kentucky
ADP Foundation
GE Appliances
4Imprint
The Gheens Foundation



Kentucky Chapter Puts On A Busy March



In the midst of a storm season that has his roofing business running all over the Louisville Area, Kentucky Chapter Executive Director Stephen Brown held several fundraising events that included an April Fools' Concert and a very successful Beach Volleyball Tournament. As soon as he catches his breath, Stephen said he looks forward to a Top Golf event in the future. Continue the tremendous work, Stephen, and thank you for all you do to support USA Cares!

Check Out This Week's Episode

Join Annice, Matt, and Josh every week for the podcast series that shares the voices of veterans, military members, and the people around them in an authentic, conversational setting.

March episodes include interviews with **combat veteran and author, Fred Ganous**, and **Air Force veteran turned mom/writer, Amanda Huffman**. Make sure to subscribe so you don't miss an episode.



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Every donation USA Cares receives helps to change a veteran and their family's life. With the financial need for each veteran continuing to increase, many feel like their single donation is not doing enough. This is where the Cadence Monthly Giving Program comes in.

An automated donation of \$35 every month (\$420/year) pays for a veteran's monthly grocery bill; \$50 per month (\$600/year) pays a monthly car payment; \$100 per month (\$1,200/year) pays a monthly mortgage payment. Your commitment provides USA Cares with a steady, reliable income stream and is the best way to allow us to focus on helping our veteran heroes and their families.



[USA Cares Merchandise Store](#)

Proudly show your support of USA Cares by shopping our merchandise store. You can find men's and women's styles for all types of weather, while knowing 25% of every purchase will be donated to our Military Assistance Response Program that helps veteran and military families in crisis.



Designate USA Cares as your Cups of Compassion nonprofit when you purchase a bag of coffee!

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