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Veterans' Drive at 7% of Goal as 900,000 VA Claims Await Processing

ARMing Heroes Provides Financial Assistance to Fill a Gap for Those Most in Need of Support

Collingswood, NJ: Since September 11, 2001, more than 1.5 million Americans have put on a uniform and served their country. Eleven years later, our service men and women are still dying in Afghanistan. Those who have returned home and have tried to return to civilian life, particularly those who were wounded or injured while in service to their country, have found it difficult to make ends meet. The Veterans Administration (VA) currently has a backlog of over 900,000 claims, and those whose claims are eventually approved can sometimes wait two years for any type of assistance. Unemployment among veterans is at 8.9%.

ARMing Heroes has set a fundraising goal of \$40,000 this year to help our nation's veterans. As of today the organization has reached 7% of its goal with 9 weeks left in the drive. Last year, the organization raised \$27,000 and helped veterans like Maurice Shuff <http://www.insidearm.com/daily/debt-collection-news/debt-collection/collection-industry-donors-pay-off-veterans-federal-student-loan-through-arming-heroes/> get through a difficult time. This year our goal is to do even more for those who have put their lives on the line to serve their country.

Tax deductible donations are now being accepted online at www.armingheroes.org and via mail to PO Box 353, Collingswood, NJ 08108, payable to ARMING Heroes. Only funds received by Sunday, November 11, 2012, will count toward this year's goal and the recognition typically bestowed on various companies that participate in the drive.

For a summary of the organization's activities since its founding, review the press release section of the ARMING Heroes website here:

<http://www.armingheroes.org/press.aspx>

About ARMING Heroes

ARMing Heroes was founded and began operating in March, 2009. The organization's mission is to serve the needs of U.S. military veterans, including their spouse and children. ARMING Heroes fills a charitable niche by linking people identified with employment, credit, and financial counseling needs with the accounts receivable management industry, an industry uniquely poised to help in these areas. Persons interested in



volunteering their time and others interested in applying for benefits or pledging other forms of support are encouraged to contact the organization at www.armingheroes.org.

What Can I Do Right Now to Help?

- Visit www.armingheroes.org and join our One for a Warrior Program, sign up to help in other ways, or donate now.
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- Join our group on **LinkedIn**, the **ARMinG Heroes Veterans Charity Supporter / Assistance Center**.
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- Print this article and fax it to your local congressional office and ask them to post our website on theirs as a resource for vets.