

Warrior Spirit: Servant Spotlight

Stay Tuned for Vets: Healing Through Creativity and Community

In the heart of veteran support services, a unique nonprofit is making waves by combining the transformative power of creativity with the healing journey of military service members and their families. Stay Tuned for Vets, founded by the dynamic father-daughter team of Tim Stroud, a U.S. Army combat medic veteran, and Amber Stroud, a digital marketer and creative, is revolutionizing how we approach veteran care through connection, creativity, and community.

Mission-Driven Innovation



Stay Tuned for Vets operates on a powerful belief: that the arts can serve as a bridge between healing and hope, particularly for those navigating the invisible wounds of military service. This innovative approach recognizes that traditional support methods, while valuable, may not resonate with every veteran's unique journey toward wellness and self-expression.

"We use creativity, from art and music to storytelling and digital media, to help veterans reconnect with themselves and others in a safe, supportive space," said Tim Stroud, highlighting their commitment to providing alternative pathways to healing.

Comprehensive Creative Programs

The organization's impact is delivered through a diverse range of carefully crafted programs:

Creative Workshops form the cornerstone of their offerings, encompassing painting, journaling, music, and photography sessions that allow veterans to explore new forms of self-expression and emotional release.

Veteran-Led Events create opportunities for participants to share their talents, stories, and skills with their peers, fostering a sense of purpose and community leadership.

Virtual Programs extend their reach through online classes in design, storytelling, and digital expression, ensuring accessibility for veterans regardless of geographic location or mobility challenges.

Support Navigation services connect veterans with mental health and peer support resources through trusted partner organizations, creating a comprehensive support network.

Measuring What Matters

Stay Tuned for Vets takes a holistic approach to measuring their impact, combining quantitative metrics with meaningful qualitative assessments. They track participant surveys and testimonials, event attendance and community engagement, long-term connections formed through programs and creative output shared by participants.

Importantly, they focus on qualitative impact – how veterans feel seen, supported and empowered to express themselves authentically. This approach recognizes that healing isn't just about numbers; it's about human transformation.

The Power of Testimony

The organization's impact is perhaps best captured in the words of one participant, a U.S. Army veteran who shared: "I didn't think painting would be the thing to help me open up, but it was. Being part of this community gave me a space to talk about things I've never shared—not even with my family. I've made friends here I wouldn't have met otherwise."



Community-Centered Approach

Community involvement isn't just a program component – it's the heartbeat of Stay Tuned for Vets. The organization partners with local artists, veteran service organizations, sponsors and volunteers to co-create programs that truly matter to their participants. Their commitment to veteran voices is evident in everything from social media content to workshop design, ensuring that programs are shaped by the very people they serve.

Join the Mission

For those inspired to support this innovative approach to veteran care, Stay Tuned for Vets offers numerous volunteer opportunities:

- Event support (setup, breakdown, photography, registration)
- Creative instruction and facilitation
- Graphic design and video editing
- Fundraising and outreach support
- Peer mentoring for those with lived experience

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