

# OPERATION CONNECT-A-VET

They served us.

Now, let's

serve them.

## ABOUT OPERATION CONNECT-A-VET:

*Operation Connect-A-Vet* is an initiative launched by Illinois Joining Forces (IJF) to empower friends and family members of Veterans to arrange wellness checks for their loved ones. The program aims to bridge the gap and ensure Veterans receive the support they deserve.

## KEY BENEFITS:

- A proactive approach enables friends and family to take action when they have concerns.
- Simplifies arranging wellness calls, ensuring that Veterans are doing well both physically and emotionally.
- Connects Veterans with a dedicated team that can assist them with a wide range of needs, including housing, food, employment, healthcare, and more.
- Fosters community support and togetherness for Veterans.
- Provides hope during special seasons like Veterans Day and holidays.

## HOW IT WORKS:

- 1. Reach Out:** Call a veteran in your life and ask them how they're doing. A simple conversation can be a meaningful gesture of appreciation.
- 2. Submit a Connect-A-Vet Request:** If you believe a veteran needs more support, submit a request by calling 1-833-INFO IJF (463-6453), emailing [callcenter@illinoisjoiningforces.org](mailto:callcenter@illinoisjoiningforces.org), or using the Connect-A-Vet form on [www.illinoisjoiningforces.org](http://www.illinoisjoiningforces.org).
- 3. Identify Services:** Our dedicated team members are skilled at connecting veterans with housing, food, employment, mental health services, and other critical needs.

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