

# PEOPLE FOR PEOPLE FOUNDATION

## APRIL 2025

### UPDATES

Our **People for People Veteran Claims Agent**, continues to provide quality service for the numerous veterans she encounters; whether that's providing resource information, beginning or updating a claim, or just offering a sympathetic ear for those in need.

Below is an example of one of the many veterans our claims agent has assisted over the years.

#### Report: It's Never Too Late

In August of 2024, our **People for People Veteran Claims Agent** received a phone call from the daughter of a Vietnam Era Army Veteran who served in Korea from 1966-1968. He was attached to the First US Army 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division which was stationed on the DMZ in 1967. Agent Orange was used in Korea along the DMZ during the Vietnam Era. She said her dad was not well and she had some questions about the benefits he might be eligible to receive.

Like so many other veterans our Claims Agent met, he did not want to apply for benefits because "**others deserve it more.**" However, after some convincing we started to review his medical condition. It became apparent that the vet would have a successful claim due the presumptive conditions to which he was currently diagnosed.

*A presumptive condition is an illness that a veteran has been diagnosed with that the government determines started while in the service.*

The veteran was currently being treated for hypertension, diabetes, ischemic heart disease and retinopathy secondary to diabetes. In the past he had prostate cancer which is currently in remission.

The **Veteran Claims Agent** submitted a fully developed claim in Dec of 2024. After several C&P exams with MRIs and Xrays the decision letter was received. The veteran received 100% just for heart disease and was rated for the other conditions. Along with the decision was back pay to the date of claim.

Needless to say, this was life changing for this 81 year old veteran who did not even want to file.

For veterans seeking information or resources regarding benefits, the **2025 Veterans Benefits Guide** is now available. Just click on the following link (or copy it into your browser) at <https://news.va.gov/137659/spread-the-word-the-2025-veterans-benefits-guide-is-now-available/>.

#### Venture Partnership

**People for People's** joint venture with **Conifer Realty, Inc.** provides permanent housing for low to moderate income families with a **Veteran Preference**; the **first** partnership in the United States built to provide permanent housing to veterans, their families and the surviving spouses of veterans.

**People for People's** and **Conifer Realty, Inc.** ventures continues to expand. See current list of ventures on the last page of the newsletter.



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Please help us continue our mission assisting the veterans and residents of South Jersey by making a donation to our 20th Anniversary Fund. Click the following link to give: <https://givebutter.com/PFP20th>

### MISSION STATEMENT

*To provide resource and referral assistance to residents of Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, and Salem Counties that have experienced financial hardship due to unforeseen circumstances.*



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THE VICTORY GARDEN

**& MORE...**

***The Victory Garden - a community garden serving the residents of Camp Salute in Clayton NJ***

This week we installed a Bluebird nest box at B'nai Tikveh Synagogue in Sewell. We built our 2nd Butterfly Garden/Classroom here. We are hopeful that the children will be observing nesting Bluebirds. We know that they are nearby. This is our 7th box in the local area.



Better yet...plant Hummingbird friendly native plants like Cardinal Flower, Coral Honeysuckle, Salvia, Red Columbine just to name a few.



Here at the garden we have 2 Bluebird nest boxes. Last year we fledged 10 birds. Our other 4 boxes located in Glassboro fledged 20 birds last year. We are looking forward to another productive season as we plan to install another 2-3 boxes. Our Purple Martin house was also successful last year.



## EASTER

Easter is the holiest day in the Christian calendar. It observes the most central tenet of the Christian faith—that Jesus Christ was resurrected from the dead. The Resurrection represents the triumph of good over evil, sin, death, and the physical body.

Easter Sunday always occurs on the first Sunday after the **Paschal Full Moon**. What is the Paschal Full Moon? This is specifically the first Sunday following the full Moon that occurs on or after the **March or spring equinox**.

This year, Easter will be observed on **Sunday, April 20**.



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**ANNUAL VICTORY GARDEN**



# EASTER EGG HUNT

(for residents at Camp Salute **ONLY**)

**WHEN**  
Saturday, April 12, 2025

**WHERE**  
Camp Salute Victory Garden  
100 Homer Street, Clayton, NJ 08312

**TIME**  
10am to 11am

*Participants must find the color/design of Easter eggs assigned to him/her which will be determined on the day of the event*



Plus, the **EASTER BUNNY** will honor us with a visit



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## COOKING CORNER



### Make-Ahead Sausage & Mushroom Savory Bread Pudding

Call it a strata, a stuffing, a dressing or a savory bread pudding—by any name, this dish is *delish!*

#### Ingredients

- 6 eggs
- 1½ cups heavy whipping cream
- 1 cup Progresso™ chicken broth (from 32-oz carton)
- 8 cups cubed soft French bread
- 2 tbsp butter
- 1 lb bulk breakfast sausage
- 2 cups thinly sliced onions
- 1 package (8 oz) mushrooms, thinly sliced
- ½ tsp salt
- 4 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 1 cup shredded white Cheddar cheese (4 oz)
- 2 tbsp chopped fresh Italian (flat-leaf) parsley leaves
- 1 tbsp thinly sliced fresh chives

#### Directions

- \* Spray 13x9-inch (3-quart) glass baking dish with cooking spray. In large bowl, mix eggs, whipping cream and broth. Add bread; toss to coat in egg mixture.
- \* In 12-inch nonstick skillet, melt butter over medium heat. Add sausage; cook 7 to 9 minutes or until browned. Using slotted spoon, transfer sausage to bowl with egg mixture.
- \* Add onions, mushrooms and salt to fat in skillet; cook over medium-high heat 9 to 12 minutes or until mushrooms are browned. Stir in garlic; remove from heat. Cool 3 minutes. Stir into egg mixture; stir in cheese. Pour mixture into baking dish. Cover and refrigerate at least 8 hours but no longer than 12 hours.
- \* Heat oven to 350°F. Bake 50 to 55 minutes or until at least 165°F in center and knife inserted 1 inch from edge comes out clean. Let stand 5 minutes. Top with herbs.

**Prep Time:** 45 min **Total Time:** 9 hr 50 min **Servings:** 10

## AARP TAX AIDE SERVICES

### IT'S TAX TIME!

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide provides tax assistance to anyone, free of charge, with a focus on taxpayers who are over 50 and have low to moderate income. *You don't need to be an AARP member to use the service.*

Since 1968, Tax-Aide has helped over 80 million taxpayers receive all the credits and deductions they're entitled to. Our volunteers are IRS-certified every year, so they understand the latest changes and additions to the tax code. You can choose to have an IRS-certified volunteer prepare your taxes or provide coaching so you can prepare them yourself. You can find them in *libraries, malls, banks and community centers* in all 50 states.

AARP locations provide tax services in multiple ways. Locations will range in services available. Understand which service is right for you and search for a location that can provide that service to you. You can prepare your return:

- ◆ In-Person
- ◆ One Visit Scan
- ◆ Two Visit Scan
- ◆ Drop-off
- ◆ No Site Visit

For more information, go to [https://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp\\_taxaide/](https://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp_taxaide/)



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Partnering with CONIFER REALTY, LLC  
COMING SOON...

### Upcoming Affordable Housing and Supportive Services

#### **Cove at Palmyra—Palmyra**

Family development located in Palmyra, NJ. Family development with 8 units set-aside for veterans at risk of homelessness. Completion scheduled for 2025.

#### **Liberty Landing—East Greenwich**

Liberty Landing located in East Greenwich, NJ. Family development with 70 total units of 1, 2, and 3 bedrooms with 35 veteran preference units. 5 units designated for veterans at risk of being homeless. Completion scheduled for 2025.

#### **Swedesboro—Gloucester County**

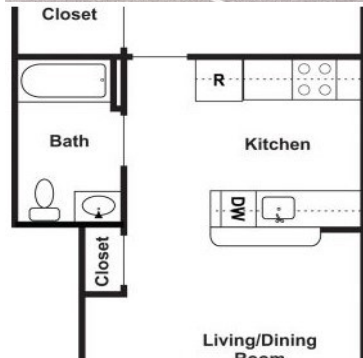
Family development with 5 units set -aside for veterans at risk of being homeless. Completion scheduled for 2025.

#### **Valor Point—Middlesex County**

*Applications are now open for Valor Point Apartments*, our newest community in Monroe Township, NJ. This modern development features 80 thoughtfully designed apartment homes, offering residents spacious and comfortable living spaces.

#### **Woodland View—Camden County**

Family development located in Camden County, NJ. 13 units will be set-aside for veterans at risk of being homeless. Completion scheduled for 2025.



## PEOPLE FOR PEOPLE FOUNDATION - UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **Memorial Day Service**

Saturday, May 24, 2025  
Time: 10:00am - 11:00am  
Camp Salute Victory Garden  
Homer Street, Clayton, NJ 08312  
*[To Honor our fallen heroes]*

#### **Veteran's Picnic**

Saturday, September 6, 2025  
Time: 11:00am - 3:00pm  
Gloucester County 4H Fairgrounds  
Rt. 77, Mullica Hill, NJ 08062

#### **Casino Night**

Saturday, November 15, 2025  
Time: 5:30pm - 10:30pm  
Sapphire Grand Deptford  
1849 Cooper St., Deptford, NJ 08096  
*[To support the Paul M. Blackstock Scholarship program]*

#### **Wreaths of Remembrance**

Saturday, December 6, 2025  
Times: family private gathering - 9am  
veteran ceremony - 10am  
GC Veterans Memorial Cemetery  
240 N Tuckahoe Road  
Williamstown, NJ 08094

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