

The JDF Footprints



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The high price of freedom.



May is the month we somberly honor and recognize the sacrifices our fellow countrymen made for our freedom. Frequently, in all the hustle and bustle of preparing to enjoy a 3 day weekend, we forget about the true significance of Memorial Day. We forget unless we have or had a veteran in the family. Then we pull out the photos, we take time to pause and reflect on all they meant to us.

Sadly, we don't have a day to recognize the other vets we've lost along the way. Many homeless veterans suffer from physical or

mental health problems, and/or substance abuse problems. Homeless veterans frequently lack the income to provide for their basic needs. These homeless veterans are MIA for their families every day.

One of the first outreach projects The JDF volunteers provided was to homeless veterans, and we're still reaching out to them. This month is a good time to reach out to a local Veterans Affairs office to see how you can help. Shoes, socks, and food are always needed. This month, all donations through our website, jdffoot.org, will go towards helping homeless vets. We all need a bit of help once in a while. Let's remember these brave men and women today.



Happy Memorial Day!