



P.E.E.R.S. Caring Home for Veterans

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SERVING THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED



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Greetings:

My name is Commander Fred Williams and I am the Commander of the American Legion Charles L. Martin, Post 1948 and the Executive Director of the **P.E.E.R.S.** (Positive Environment Engaging Recovery Support) Caring Home for Veterans. I am also a 100% service-connected disabled veteran. I have an endearing familiarity with the Montgomery community as well the Veteran population. My personal story and past life experiences are very similar and, in some cases, mirror that of the veterans we meet at **P.E.E.R.S.** every day. I have overcome these struggles with support and dedication and I now realize that others are not as fortunate. I have been blessed with this incredible vision and purpose to utilize my experiences, knowledge and resources to serve those who served our country.

P.E.E.R.S. Caring Home for Veterans, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, was started February 2017 in Montgomery, Alabama. Its goal has always been that of creating a safe and positive recovery environment for homeless veterans and veteran's families in distress, and to assist them in reestablishing themselves along the path to recovery. The mission of **P.E.E.R.S.** is designed to meet the ever-increasing need for supportive follow up services for our nation's bravest population – our military veterans. The veteran community faces the challenges of substance abuse, addiction, mental health limitations, unemployment and homelessness. It is not uncommon for veterans to struggle with integration back into their families that they may have been separated from during active duty or deployment. These individuals who have proudly served in the United States Armed Forces find a shortage of competent, user-friendly after care programs and community resources that effectively address their unique needs as follow up care to the programs offered by the Veterans Administration. **P.E.E.R.S.** seeks to bridge the gaps in our local community services by meeting these unique needs. **P.E.E.R.S.** offers residential housing, daily meals, counseling, group meetings, peer support, spiritual development, workshops and training designed to assist with employment readiness, health education and transportation. In addition, one of the primary goals of the **P.E.E.R.S.** program is to adequately prepare our local Veterans for full community integration as productive, contributing citizens and ultimately placing them in their own homes.

As a community we all can help! While we at **P.E.E.R.S.** have established a wonderful residential living space in Montgomery to provide a home for the veterans, we still need so much more. We are excited to introduce our "Hand Up For A Homeless Hero" initiative. This initiative is a **P.E.E.R.S.** Adopt-a-Veteran campaign that enables an individual, family, business, service organization, foundations or religious organizations, and other Veteran support groups to give a hand up to those Veterans who currently reside at the **P.E.E.R.S.** Caring Home for Veterans as well as those that do not have the means to participate in the **P.E.E.R.S.** program. We are blessed to have seen **P.E.E.R.S.** grow tremendously over the past few years with the assistance of supportive citizens here in our city. However, so much more is needed. These veterans need our help to be empowered to return to their families, the work force and our community. I ask that you and/or your organization would consider donating to help us achieve our mission of helping our veterans. All donations are greatly appreciated be it monetary or in-kind gifts/services. All contributions are fully tax deductible as well.

I whole heartedly thank you in advance for your generous support and the spirit in which it is given! Your donation is greatly appreciated and will be used to provide housing and services for the veterans. Enclosed is a donation

brochure/form that can be completed. For more information about P.E.E.R.S. Caring Home for Veterans, I invite you to visit our website below.

Respectfully,

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The American Legion Charles L. Martin Post 1948 is a proud sponsor of **P.E.E.R.S. Caring Home for Veterans.**

***P.E.E.R.S.** Caring Home for Veterans Mission: Our goal is to help rid our community of veteran homelessness by reducing the rate of veteran relapse. We aim to provide veterans leaving treatment centers and incarcerated environments with a healthy, holistic, strength-based, structured, clean and safe home environment that will give them a sense of value and improve their self-esteem. We aim to always put veterans first in the process of long-term recovery.*

We make Veterans a priority!