

FORWARD FLAG NEWSLETTER



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Happy Holidays

In celebration of the holiday season and to honor our veterans, the TN office will be having a Veterans Christmas Dinner on Tuesday December 22nd at 1:00 pm at the Rogersville office. A big thank you to the Commander of the American Legion in Bulls Gap, TN, Dennis, whose generous donation helped to fund the food for this occasion. If you are in TN and would like to stop by for some good home cooking and fantastic company, mark this one on your calendar. For more information feel free to contact the TN office at (423)523-2700. Both our NM office and our TN office will be closed on Friday 12/25 in observance of Christmas.



Welcome to the Team

Our NM office is excited to announce the newest addition to Forward Flag, Antonio Aranda. As an Army veteran, Tony has been involved with Forward Flag activities for quite some time now; he even headed up our fishing & kayaking group this summer. Now that he is an official member of the team, we are certain great things will follow for Forward Flag and our veteran community. If you want to meet Tony and welcome him to the team, come by the NM office any Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday afternoon. A special thank you to Tony for his service to our country during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Welcome to the Forward Flag Family Tony!



Telling Time, in Style

The TN Art Class continues to amaze with the creative and beautiful projects they create. The latest fluid art project is to transform old vinyl into incredibly cool clocks. The art class continues to meet every Tuesday at 4 p.m.; all materials are provided and the class is free. If you are interested in creating your own fluid art piece just drop by the Rogersville office Tuesday afternoon.

Thanks to the success of the art group, another addition to the TN activities is on the calendar. Every Wednesday at 3 p.m. there will now be a crafts group. The first project, is to create handmade oil lamps using mason jars. If



this piques your interest, make your way down to the Rogersville office Wednesday afternoons and join the gang in crafting increasingly impressive projects!



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Hanging with the Dogs

The wonderful folks at ADW have come up with a creative way to keep our veterans engaged with the Warrior Canine Connection, in spite of the challenges of Covid-19. Every Monday from 11-12:30 they will be here with a group of their service dogs in-training to offer a little dog time to anyone interested. The dogs and trainers will meet in the back yard of the NM Flag and spend an hour and a half playing and preparing the newest service dogs in training for their future service positions. The regular WCC program will start back up on January 4th with more formalized dog training classes. In the meantime, it is always therapeutic to hang out with some super adorable dogs. Come on down and lend a hand by engaging in a little puppy play and cuddles.



BINGO!!

A Saturday night game of Bingo, just another exciting activity the creative crew at the TN office put together. On November 7th a small group of vets and Forward Flag TN staff met up and had a fun night of play with candies, cookies, small framed art and glass mugs as prizes and of course... bragging rights. Thanks to everyone who made this fun night of Bingo possible!



OPERATION FEEDING IT FORWARD

Thanks to our volunteers and to the Kroger Company's support, we were able to distribute over 100 sacked lunches. Our crew of volunteers, made up of veterans, friends and family members, braved the cold and took to the streets to hand out delicious homemade brisket sandwiches, chips, cookies & waters to hungry folks at Train park and the downtown area of Albuquerque. A special thank you to Dan R for purchasing the meat & bread and making the brisket and to Mark G for providing us with the cookies. Thanks to all who continue to support us in our Feeding it Forward mission we have been able to hand out food monthly for over the past year and a half.