



## **FORGING FORWARD**

**Forging Forward**  
455 Sunnehanna Drive Unit 431  
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### **MISSION**

Healing through finding what is strong with you.

### **VISION**

To create an everyday life filled with quality, friendship, motivation, flexibility, and individual pride.

### **OVERVIEW**

The Bobby Henline Foundation, Inc. doing business as [Forging Forward](#), is an IRS registered and approved 501(c)3 non-profit, public charity organization, EIN 83-4615262. The Foundation has a [GuideStar Gold Seal of Transparency](#).

The Foundation consists of a group of people who believe it is in everyone's best interest to honor and empower military veterans and first responders and their families, and Gold Star Families. By joining like-minded individuals and organizations together, we can fulfill the vision of creating everyday lives filled with quality, friendship, motivation, flexibility, and individual pride. We do this through the sharing to inspire learning, advance knowledge and strengthen our local and global communities.

Within this duty is the underlying social responsibility of assisting the target populations to re-secure their humanity through the provision of and funding for opportunities to increase social connectivity, to gain new skills, increase knowledge and treatment of physical and mental health conditions related to trauma, and provide supports that allow an individual and collective fulfilling and dignified life.

### **OUR HISTORY**

In April 2007 Bobby Henline came home from his 4th deployment to a war zone barely holding on to his life in a medically induced coma. Doctors said there was no medical explanation why he was alive. He feels he should have died with the other four men in the vehicle but didn't.

Bobby has learned over the years how to battle the demons of PTSD, Survivors Guilt, Emptiness and Isolation. He knows the darkness of feeling lost and detached from friends and family. Many nights he prayed to God to let him die in his sleep.

For over 10 years, Bobby has traveled the world sharing his story inspiring others and being inspired by others. With supportive friends, Bobby started the Bobby Henline Foundation dba "Forging Forward" to help others like him, Military, First Responders, and their families. Forging Forward's goal is to help them find their outlet, show them how to use the tools and weapons Bobby has been using for years to battle and live with his "new" normal to help them find their "new" normal, and to help them look deep inside and ask not "What's wrong with me?" but "What's Strong with Me?" and build on their strengths.

## **MAJOR GOALS**

For Veterans and First Responders and their families, Gold Star Families:

- Connectivity with each other and their communities through varied forms of art such as speaking, photography, forging, welding, comedy, acting, music, poetry, book writing, songwriting, storytelling, and more.
- Positive, collaborative social interaction through the varied forms of art.
- Access to existing organizations offering activities to promote physical and mental health.
- Funding opportunities for formal education.

## **SERVICES**

### **FORGING FORWARD RETREATS**

Forging Forward brings 4 to 10 Veterans and/or First Responders to a 2-4 day retreat to enjoy nature. We plan activities in a variety of locations to rekindle camaraderie in a safe and open environment. We team up with local artists and professionals to teach participants a new outlet or tool through art to address PTSD and other trauma-related issues. Activities may include whittling, wood crafts, storytelling through poetry, songwriting, comedy, welding, forging, hiking, bicycling, painting, photography, community service, and more.

### **FORGING FORWARD REMEMBRANCE TAGS**

Forging Forward creates dog tags with the names of First Responders and Veterans who have died by suicide due to their work or battle wounds of PTSD, TBI or other mental health issues. The dog tags are presented to Veterans and First Responders in memory of their comrades and families in memory of their loved ones, to never be forgotten.

We ask each person receiving a dog tag to take an oath to continue the fight in memory of their comrade or loved one. The oath focuses on living life to the fullest and having the strength to ask for help in the midst of mental or physical health battles.

### **FORGING FORWARD MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKERS**

Forging Forward helps cover the cost to get motivational and inspirational First Responders and Veterans to schools, ROTC classes, faith-based organizations, and non-profit organizations that might not otherwise be able to afford a speaker to inspire their community. Forging Forward will cover part of the expense such as airfare, hotel, food and/or an honorarium for the Speaker.

### **FORGING FORWARD PROGRAM PARTNERS**

Forging Forward will team up with other organizations with similar goals and services to expand and accomplish our mission.

### **FORGING FORWARD ALLIES**

Forging Forward will team up with other organizations invested in giving back to the Veteran, First Responder, or Gold Star Family communities.

### **FORGING FORWARD FUNDRAISERS**

Forging Forward will team up with Veteran, First Responder, or Gold Star Family individuals and organizations to advance services or programs that globally and mutually benefit the veteran, first responder, or Gold Star Family communities.

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