

PRESS RELEASE

July 26, 2012:

The Veterans Association of Easttown and Tredyffrin Townships today announced that it has made two monetary awards to veterans of the Township. The awards are for \$5,000.00 each. Bill Bellew, Board Chair, said “the group is honored and proud to make these awards to two deserving war veterans, who both graduated from Conestoga H.S.”.

One award is to a local veteran who fought in the current Gulf War and lost three limbs while serving as a Navy Medic assigned to a U.S. Marine unit. His devastating losses have not deterred him from pursuing a career with the U.S. Government, and starting a new phase of his life with his wife.

Community support has been overwhelming for this veteran, yet everyday day needs have placed some current financial burden on them. The Association has followed his progress very closely, and has now been able to provide some meaningful support for a short term need.

The second award is to a Vietnam veteran who was severely wounded in 1969 causing him to spend many months in a U.S. hospital in Japan recovering. His war related injuries have stayed with him his entire life. He is currently recovering in a local hospital following the loss of right leg below the knee due to circulatory problems as a result of his war injuries. Additionally, he is awaiting a kidney transplant as both his kidneys are in complete failure resulting in daily dialysis treatment.

The Association founded in the late 90’s has a two fold mission: to visually honor all veterans through memorials, flags, and small plant areas; and second, through financial support for veterans with financial needs. The Association is responsible for the memorial at the Berwyn Septa Station, the Gold Star Mothers planting area at the station, as well as the Flag Memorial at Wilson Farm Park in Tredyffrin.

The only method of raising funds for the Association is through the annual 5K Run / Walk in May of each of the last 11 years. If you wish to make a donation at any time, please make it out to the Association and send it to P.O. Box 201 Berwyn, PA. 19312. We are a 501c3, so any donation is tax deductible (#20-3656722)