

Big Brothers-In-Arms (BBIA)

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BIG BROTHERS IN ARMS MISSION STATEMENT:

As Brothers-In-Arms we believe that all American servicemen and women who took the oath and completed their duty honorably are "brothers," regardless of the eras or locations of service. We believe that it is the duty of older veterans to give the benefit of our experiences to any younger counterpart who asks. We give of ourselves unconditionally and freely, with no expectation of reward and without judgment, for the sake of our brothers-in-arms.

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REACH OUT TO A YOUNG WARRIOR IN

NEED OF A SYMPATHETIC FRIEND.

VOLUNTEER AN HOUR OF YOUR TIME FOR...



BBIA NEEDS YOU TO VOLUNTEER!

Join your brothers! Reach out to a young warrior. Reach out from the jungles of Southeast Asia to the Deserts of the Mid-East, from the era of Vietnam to the era of the Persian Gulf, from the companionship of shared experience to the loneliness of post traumatic stress, from Veteran to Veteran, from Warrior to Warrior, from Brother to Brother.

"FOR HE TODAY
THAT SHEDS HIS BLOOD WITH ME
SHALL BE MY BROTHER..."

- Shakespeare

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BIG BROTHERS-IN-ARMS, VETERANS HELPING VETERANS

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Their needs are not great— only friendship and an understanding ear— the very things that a brother has to offer.

You have seen them in the airport or train terminal or bus station—an American Warrior on his or her way home. Have you ever paused to think about the state of that warrior's mind at that moment? Have you tried to imagine yourself in his place? Often the warrior you see dragging a bag behind him was, only hours ago, in a different world, part of a different life, a player in a different reality. Often that warrior walks into your world, your reality, with the dust of Afghanistan still on his boots.

The warrior you see was recently ripped from the heat and glare of the desert and thrust into the cool gloom of the airport terminal; from a world where anyone he met might try to kill him to a world where everyone he meets is indifferent to and usually oblivious of his presence. That is a jarring transition, a transition that many have difficulty making.

Big Brothers-In-Arms is not a professional counseling service. Our volunteers are not trained psychologists. We are men and women who love our brothers and sisters in need of someone to lean on for awhile. We know from bitter experience that Post Traumatic Stress can become a disorder if not addressed, and we hope to help our brothers to address that problem before professional counseling becomes necessary. We offer a way for younger warriors to "let it out" with a sympathetic brother who has "been there" and understands. and to do so in a non-judgmental way and in a non-threatening environment. We also recognize that BBIA cannot help everyone. Because some issues will be beyond our ability to help, we maintain an extensive list of professional VA counseling agencies in case a referral is needed.



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HOW BBIA WORKS:

If you are a former service member, honorably discharged, we need you. Your branch of service or era of service does not matter to our cause—if you served honorably you are a Big Brother-In-Arms. If you are a combat veteran, all the better, but we do not restrict our call for help to combat veterans.

BBIA has built a database of volunteers like you around the nation. When a recently returned or recently discharged veteran is referred to us or approaches us for help, we will look to our database for the names of volunteers in that warriors' area. If it is near you we will contact you, give you the situation, and ask if you can help. We match the younger Brother-in-Arms with the older Brother-inarms, you arrange a meeting for coffee. If you sense that a younger brother-in-arms needs more help than you can give, let us know immediately and we will make the necessary referrals.

TO VOLUNTEER, CONTACT: LUTZ@BIGBROTHERSINARMS.ORG We will direct you from there to our database and send you our methods and expectations. IF YOU ARE A WARRIOR IN NEED OF A BIG BROTHER-IN-ARMS, CONTACT LUTZ@BIGBROTHERSINARMS.ORG