

VSACT 15 January 2020 Meeting Goodwill Belton Job Connection 2601 Commerce St. Belton,
TX 76513

Meeting takes place the 3rd Wednesday of month from 10:00AM-Noon at the Belton Job
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The VSACT Meeting Minutes

Presenters

President Eddie L. Bell Sr. The Texas Department of Korean War Veterans Association

President Eddie L. Bell Sr. introduced the Interment Fund for Veterans (Burial)

o This fund will assist with the Veteran burial cost. Mr. Eddie L. Bell Sr. has assisted with the burial of three Veterans by paying for their funeral home cost. The actual burial and the ceremony are included and may come at no cost to the family. The funeral home expenses will cost and some families can't afford to pay that funeral home high expense.

- **Services they offer the Veterans come with partnering with local organizations**
 - o The most important service is burial for Veterans so they will be laid to rest with dignity
 - o Contributing donated funds to organizations that include; Bring Everyone In The Zone and Operation Stand Down
 - o Supporting local organizations that offer financial component for the Veterans

President Eddie L. Bell Sr. presented Mrs. Cynthia Ramirez with Bring Everyone In The Zone donation of a \$1000. Mr. Eddie L. Bell, Sr. can be reached for any questions;

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Trisha Alger, Lead CCS- Craft Care Specialist with Help Heal Veterans, Temple, TX

- o Help Heal Veterans provide therapeutic arts and crafts kits that help to recover from physical and emotional injuries or other conditions. Their mission is to increase the therapeutic impact of healing Veterans with craft kits
- o Visit their website <https://www.healvets.org/>
- o The craft kits can be used in the Domiciliary the contents are non-toxic.
- o Craft kits are often used by organizations for training purposes.
- o The craft kit is free of charge.
- o The Veterans appreciate the craft kits because they are able to focus on something other than what is upsetting them.
- o The craft kits are able to help the Veteran/ individual use their hands, mind and concentration abilities.
- o The family can also participate with the Veteran/ individual as they working trying to complete a kit. This allow the families bond utilizing something fun bringing them closer together.

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- They have given out 31million craft kits since 1971, they only have two store fronts the Temple location and Fort Sam. Dallas will be the next location for a store front in the very near future.
- Help Heal Veterans receives generous amounts of leather seats donated from Southwest Airlines.
- Help Heal Veterans was featured in Southwest Airlines in Flight Magazine last month.
- They also host craft clinics and tours if you would like to order can go on-line <https://www.healvets.org/> to order craft kits.

Visit the website or stop by the store and take a look at their store front to see the amazing craft kits they have available.

Help Heal Vets Plea

They have been offered a space next to their current location that has twice square footage they currently working out of. The rent would be less now than what they originally were going to pay. Help Heal Veterans would like to keep their current space and have the new space as well. They are asking for assistance with the rent from resources in the community.

Contact Trisha Alger at 254-773-8900 if you have any questions or know any resources that will assist her with this plea for assistance.