



## **MISSION**

NAPERVILLE RESPONDS FOR VETERANS (NRFV) assists Veterans and their families in need, especially those with low and moderate income, by raising donations of money, building materials and professional labor; and coordinating the process of repairing, building and donating homes. Naperville Responds For Veterans is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization that provides services to Veterans in need and those in crisis.

If you know Veterans that need help with their homes within a 20-mile radius of the Naperville area or surrounding suburbs, please let us know! We offer local assistance for local Veterans as a community service. Contact us at (331) 684-7899 or [info@nrfov.org](mailto:info@nrfov.org).

All applications for assistance are vetted by the NRFV Veterans Committee on an income and "needs" basis. Veteran applicants are requested to apply via the NRFV website at [www.NapervilleResponds.org](http://www.NapervilleResponds.org) to expedite the application process.

**THANK A VETERAN FOR THEIR SERVICE.**

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## Dear Friends of our Veterans,

This year has been filled with dynamic developments and significant achievements for Naperville Responds, showcasing our unwavering commitment to making a positive impact for Veterans in the community.

Naperville Responds is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for Veterans by assisting with essential home repairs and renovations. Our mission to assist Veterans includes such projects as window and door replacements, roof repairs, accessibility modifications, and ramp installations, all aimed at ensuring safety and accessibility. All work is completed at no cost to qualified Veterans as a community service.

Outside of our specific Mission, Naperville Responds is always a community partner ready to support our VFW, American Legion and local Veteran initiatives. This year we were honored to support the Naperville September 11 Remembrance held at Cmdr. Dan Shanower Memorial, located behind the Naperville Municipal Center. Our organization led by Pat Rubald was ready, willing and able to leverage our assets and provide logistics and oversight to ensure the community had the opportunity to honor and remember those impacted by the horrific events of 9/11.

Our Veterans and Construction Committees have worked tirelessly this year, with well over 30 projects either completed or in process, and approximately \$250,000 of financial resources were directed to facilitate this work.

This is a very high job count and a tremendous amount of money, however the retail value of this work is multiple times greater than what we spend thanks to donations and discounts of labor and material from our contractors and suppliers. When you have a dedicated group that is 100% volunteer with minimal overhead cost, serving the men and women who deserve it most, we are able to be a force multiplier for donated funds and resources.

The appreciation, the deference, the respect of all our Veterans and Military personnel is something we can all get behind. This is the type of common ground and common sense this country needs now more than ever. Let's recognize excellence and show gratitude for the men and women who provide the freedom and American way of life we have been given by their service and sacrifice.

When I first got involved with Naperville Responds some 11 or 12 years ago, one of the first things that really stuck with me was having the courtesy and the courage to thank a Veteran you might see out and about wearing their service connected hat or jacket. This is something our past-president Pat Bowler really instilled in me, and something we should all do any time the opportunity presents itself.

Veterans appreciate this recognition and gratitude, and it should be extended every day, not just Memorial Day, Independence Day or Veteran's Day.

I want to thank all our supporters, volunteers, sponsors and the community for helping us to continue to fulfill our mission. It's truly about this entire community coming together and pledging our support for the men and women who deserve it most.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR! GOD BLESS AMERICA AND GOD BLESS OUR  
VETERANS AND TROOPS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD,**



Dan Jurjovec  
President, Naperville Responds For Veterans



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Naperville Responds is transforming the residence of Army Veteran Shawn Kellner in Plainfield, Illinois. The renovation includes essential upgrades to enhance the home’s accessibility and functionality – including vinyl plank floors, wider doorways and accessible bathrooms. This initiative aims to create a safe and comfortable living environment for Shawn and his family, and honor Shawn’s service to our great nation.

Watch the Project Video



Naperville Responds successfully completed the installation of a custom ramp for World War II Navy Veteran Dick Miller last fall. This project not only enhances accessibility but also honors Mr. Miller's service, providing him with a vital resource to navigate his front door more easily.



The Naperville North Veterans Club is pictured with keynote speaker Dr. Ralph “Croker” Jones, U.S. Navy (Ret.) at the annual “Strength and Honor” Luncheon in April 2024. The Club supports and volunteers for local Veteran initiatives, including Naperville Responds.

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