

# The Clarion

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From the Director:

As a Veteran transitioning to civilian life I was somewhat lost and got bored real quick during my terminal leave. I needed this opportunity to be the Director of Camp Centurion as much as Camp Centurion needed me. I am thankful to get to spend time with fellow Veterans that speak the same language as me. I strive every day to make Camp Centurion better for our Veterans that we are trying to help. I am humbled and honored to be amongst friends who look out for each other. I am forever grateful for this opportunity.

It has been a busy few months at Camp Centurion. It is more than fulfilling when a vision starts to come to life and is close to being seen in action. Final preparations to house residents have been made with the completion of key card access and security cameras. Thanks to Mr. Howard Shope and Mr. Ron Hall for their assistance with these items. We are excited as we have moved our first Veteran into Camp Centurion.

We would like to thank American Legion Post 100 for the breakfast dry goods and sponsoring our first Veteran. We would like to thank Mrs. Donna Schimm for assistance with food from Christian Ministries and cleaning the inside of the house for us periodically. We would like to thank everyone who has supported this mission and continues to support Camp Centurion.

We have many projects going on at Camp Centurion. Troop 28 has two scouts that have decided to tackle our prayer garden and the refurbishing of our old well house building as their Eagle Scout Projects. These young men are going to help us make our abode for Homeless and Low Income Veterans even more special than it already is.

We have our quarterly Volunteer Work Day coming up on the 9th of September. Work starts at 8am!!! And brunch is being provided by Waffle House & Tommy Hughes. If you would like to come help please contact our Director Ken Heavner @ 704-734-7742 so he can have an accurate headcount for food. As always we have plenty to do and we can surely use your help!



Meet Wayne B., he is our first Veteran to be housed at Camp Centurion. We moved him in on the 23rd of August. We are Veterans helping Veterans!!! Wayne is an Operation Iraqi Freedom II Veteran and battles many of the same obstacles that most Veterans face. We have helped Wayne secure employment at the Waffle House in Lincolnton, NC where he starts on Tuesday, the 29th of August. We have also started the process of helping him work on his Veterans Affairs disability benefits.



**We are in need of donations for our cause. If your school or church would like to do a donation drive for us we would be very grateful. Please contact our Director Ken Heavner at 704-734-7742 or [kenneth.heavner@campcenturion.org](mailto:kenneth.heavner@campcenturion.org) if you are interested.**

**Donation Items needed:**

Men's Clothing (All Sizes)  
Toiletry Items  
Toilet Paper  
Paper Towels  
Laundry Pods  
Dish Soap  
Anti-Bacterial Wipes  
Washing Detergent  
Copier Paper  
Freezer bags  
Trash bags  
Grocery bags

**Donation Items needed:**

Cereal, Oatmeal, Grits  
Can Goods  
Snack foods  
Bottled water  
Ramen Noodles  
Drinks of any type  
Sugar  
Coffee creamer  
Freezer bags  
Trash bags  
Grocery bags



**If you would like to donate to our cause please scan this QR code and become a one time donor or a monthly recurring donor!!!**

**We could really use your support!!!**

## Chaplain's Corner

After more than five years as President of Camp Centurion, I have stepped aside and let younger and more energetic men take the lead. It was not easy to let go and trust someone else. Despite my complaints about how much work was involved and how it was as difficult as putting smoke back in the chimney, I didn't realize how much I wanted to be in control. Of course, control is an illusion that we embrace in an attempt to be self-secure. However, the sky has not fallen on Camp Centurion and Joel Dalton, as President, is doing a fantastic job and so are the other members of the board. Kudos to them all.

I don't want you to think that I am no longer involved. I am still a member of the board and I am now functioning as the Chaplain. That means I am more involved than I ever was. For now, I have the opportunity to have a positive effect on the lives of spiritually and emotionally wounded veterans and that is all I wanted to do when I signed on.

Perhaps there was a time in your life when you wondered what was going on and why it was taking so long. Perhaps that time is now. Throughout the entire project phase, we have been encouraged by this scripture: *Habakkuk 2:3 - "For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end - it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay."*

During the last five years, when faced with many seemingly insurmountable obstacles, I have seen frustration evaporate when defeated by trust. Now, the challenge is not to remodel brick and mortar, but to transform the life of a person by renewing their mind and in this we must also trust the one doing the work. *Philippians 1:6 - "...being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;"*

**Chaplain Bud**