

Veterans Helping Veterans
ARMED & READY
Midwest Home Funding, LLC
Robert C. Perry

When his father-in-law passed away, the loss hit Robert C. Perry as if his own father had died. This man, whom Bob had admired and tried to emulate, had served in the United States Army during World War II and had continued to serve his fellow veterans in different offices of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He had taken Bob to his downstate VFW Post and often showed him what good works and projects his veterans were still contributing to their communities. And although he would no longer be near for guidance and support, Bob was determined to honor and remember the "man" in a tangible and meaningful manner.

His sacrifices and the sacrifices of veterans who have made our Democracy and our Freedom possible would be continuously remembered by call to action, a decision to make a difference in the lives of veterans. Fortunately for the veteran community, Bob Perry and a veteran working in his company created the ARMED & READY Seminars. This effort is a traveling outreach program designed to assist military veterans in learning about their Rights & Benefits, as well as, Career Development/ Job Placement, Resume Writing, Educational Opportunities, and Veterans Scholarships. This mobile one-stop shopping for veteran information lets representatives from federal, state, county, and social service groups amass in one area to answer the questions of returning veterans and their families. These seminars feature veteran expert's hands-on approach, to more easily create an atmosphere of transition, not only for a returning veteran, but any veteran needing assistance in resumes for the job market, interviewing tips, and where to find a job or new career. The accessing of "Real Time Jobs" through "VETJOBS" with computer searching allows the veteran to quickly assess good paying job positions.

Bob Perry also established a program to inform veterans how they can take advantage of their GI Bill for housing. Cutting thru the "red tape" to make the application simple & quick, Bob created an easy on line application where the veteran can complete it in the comfort of their home or office. He established a 1 877 Thank-A-Vet hotline to answer veterans questions, not only concerning mortgages, but ARMED & READY as well. This 1 877 842-6528 number is connected directly to Bob's company, Midwest Home Funding, LLC to accommodate veterans from all across the State of Illinois.

In honor of his Father-in-law's memory, Bob devised solutions to the two biggest concerns he had as Post Commander, money & membership. The sharing of profits from closed loans generated by VFW members, who informed any they may come in contact with when they are seeking a mortgage, addressed the lack of funds to the Posts. And his ARMED & READY Program assists in the recruiting of new VFW members to the Posts. These refreshing and innovated approaches to old burdens made Veterans Helping Veterans an actual reality and a Win-Win situation for the veteran and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

A man of honor and commitment, a true Patriot, Robert C. Perry is our recommendation for Employer of the Year Award.