

TODD MARKS

Goes to work every day with one mission: **Assist Veterans in need.**

As an Army Veteran who served in Iraq, Todd Marks not only has a service mentality, but his military service helps him bond with and gain the trust of Veterans in need of mental health or substance use disorder services.



“I’m dedicated to assisting my fellow Veterans in their time of need because they stood ready to defend us. Now it’s our turn to help them.”

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Aubree from Aubree’s Blankets for Veterans presented dozens of blankets to the Desert Veterans of Wisconsin, Fox Valley Chapter. In turn, the organization donated them to Todd Marks, our Region 6 VORP coordinator. Todd will distribute the blankets to veterans experiencing homelessness for use during the frigid winter months.

Marks is the Region 6 coordinator of the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs’ (WDVA) Veterans Outreach and Recovery Program (VORP). Coordinators like Marks work throughout the state to connect Veterans to community services and provide case management and support, with a special focus on treatment

and recovery. Marks has an office in Green Bay, but rarely sees it as he spends his day working directly with Veterans throughout his region, which includes Brown, Kewaunee, Door, Shawano, Marinette and Oconto counties.

Veterans involved in VORP can receive crisis services and on-the-street case management to get

treatment for mental health and/or substance use care, including assistance in paying for private treatment. VORP coordinators like Marks work closely with County Veterans Service Officers (CVSO), Veteran Service Organizations, local government agencies, community nonprofits, and other organizations to help the Veterans in their region

access individualized wrap-around services such as housing, food, clothing, furniture, education, and employment.

For instance, Marks was able to stop an eviction and have a food pantry deliver to a home of a quadriplegic Veteran who was struggling financially. Additionally, he was able to connect this individual to resources that ultimately enabled them to receive a service-connected disability pension from the Veterans Administration.

Marks has worked diligently to build partner relationships with his area's CVSOs. "Todd [Marks] is incredibly resourceful, always responds promptly, and is very energetic and upbeat, even at 8 a.m. in the morning," said Rick Wolf, Lincoln County CVSO. Tammy Javenkoski, Oneida County, also says Marks is a pleasure to work with: "He's very reliable, he's extremely resourceful, and he works very hard to take care of his clients to the best of his ability."

If you know of a Veteran in need, you can reach Todd Marks at 920-246-7277.

Veterans Outreach and Recovery Program

The Veterans Outreach and Recovery Program (VORP) connects Veterans to community services, provides case management and support, with a special focus on treatment and recovery.

VORP staff work with community partners and professionals to provide assistance and connection to:

- Mental Health Services
- Substance Use Treatment
- Financial Assistance
- Housing and Utilities
- Claims and Benefits Assistance
- Employment and Education
- And many other services

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