



AMERICAN VETERANS BALL – FREDERICKSBURG, VA (AVB2017-VA)

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AVB Event Page: <http://americanveteransball.org/avb2017-virginia/>

Who: [Home of Miracles & Embraces, Inc.](#)

What: Salute to American Veterans Ball

When: Doors Open at 6pm – Ceremony Begins Promptly at 7 p.m., **November 11, 2017**

Where: [Fredericksburg EXPO & Conference Center](#)

Why: Please view our AVB GOAL on page 2

Admission: \$75 per ticket or \$600 for a table of 8

View Our **NBC Universal COMCAST Commercial** on AVB:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LKvvMxxlhac>

Purchase tickets & tables online: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/american-veterans-ball-avb-va-2017-virginia-tickets-29839627128>

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Guest of HONOR: **Lieutenant General Ron Christmas:**

<http://americanveteransball.org/lieutenant-general-george-r-christmas-usmc-retired-to-be-guest-of-honor-for-avb-va-2017/>

Opening Remarks by **Congressman Rob Wittman (R-VA):**

<http://americanveteransball.org/congressman-rob-wittman-to-attend-and-give-opening-remarks-at-the-american-veterans-ball-on-11-november-2017-fredericksburg-va/>

Keynote Speaker and **GOLD STAR Mother Ms. Susan Price:**

<http://americanveteransball.org/gold-star-mother-ms-susan-price/>

Host Emcee **NBC Universal COMCAST Ms. Elena Russo:**

<http://www.elenarusso.com/>

Special Performance by **Mr. Dave Brave** (Dave Bray USA): Visit:
<https://www.davebrayusa.com/>

Special Performance by the **Christian Youth Theater (CYT)** <https://www.cyt.org/>

Joint Service Color Guard Presentation by **Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA)**:
<http://www.dtra.mil/>

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http://homewoodsuites.hilton.com/en/hw/groups/personalized/F/FRBHWHW-AVB-20171111/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

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FREDERICKSBURG, VA and surrounding Counties & States – Host Organization: [Home of Miracles & Embraces, Inc. \(H.O.M.E.\)](#) 501(c)(3) Est. 2006 is pleased to announce its flagship event and Third Annual Salute to American Veterans Ball (AVB-VA) to be held at the [Fredericksburg EXPO & Conference Center](#), 2371 Carl D. Silver Parkway, Fredericksburg, VA 22401 on (Veterans Day) November 11, 2017. Doors open at 6pm: Official Ceremony begins at 7pm. Special thanks goes out to all of our sponsors, strategic alliances, and participating partners in making this event possible for the area.

The idea for the ball was embedded as Chief Warrant Officer 3, Ozzy Ramos, USMC (Retired) was enjoying a free veteran's meal with other fellow co-founding member veterans on Veterans Day in 2014. "A group of us had gotten together and were swapping tales about our days on active duty," recalled Ramos, who is the Founder of H.O.M.E., A Youth Development & Leadership Organization. "We talked about the formal balls the service branches put on for active-duty members and how transitional veterans rarely ever get re-invited to these types of traditional events, post their active duty service." The group identified a gap and as leaders, out of the uniform, decided to do something about that, resulting in the birth of the Salute to American Veterans Ball (AVB). This event features a dynamic patriotic program, fine dining, fellowship, music, and dance.

The **GOAL** of the **AVB** is to **CONNECT** our **PAST** and **PRESENT** military veterans to our nation's next generation and **FUTURE** leaders of America (our youth), while keeping them true to our Red, White, & Blue. It will also serve to provide veterans of "ALL" the Armed Forces with the opportunity to participate in a customary annual event comparable to those of our active service components. We believe that an event such as the AVB, not only fosters a way to contribute towards youth development, leadership, and to our communities, but also creates that pathway to reignite, connect with, and maintain our patriotism with our fellow brothers and sisters through this unique event for years to come. Please join us in celebration in saluting our past, present, and future veterans.

"We are very excited about this opportunity to provide this special type of event across the country to honor all the brave men and women who have given so much to protect America and to advance the cause of freedom around the world," said Ramos.

Proceeds from the ball will go to selected veterans in need and/or veterans organization, participating JROTC program and/or inspiring youth program to include educational and youth programs, a military dependent-youth Leadership Conference (CAMP CONNECTED) and/or other youth camps/activities, and to support future AVB events.

Proceed Breakdown:

- 25% Veteran in need and/or Veteran Outreach Service Program
- 25% Community JROTC and/or Youth Educational Programs
- 25% Military Dependent [CAMP CONNECTED](#) and/or Youth Camp Initiatives - A Vision of [Ozzy's Journey](#)
- 25% Administration and reinvestment of funds into future AVB Balls

This event is open to ALL veterans, guest, civilians supporting arms, and the general public.

Note: A limited number marketing tables available at event.

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About H.O.M.E.

H.O.M.E. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization (20-5834015) whose MISSION is to aspire academic achievement, higher education, leadership, and personal growth in youth, while impacting positive humanitarian change and advocacy by CONNECTING our PAST and PRESENT professionals to our FUTURE leaders of America, resulting in a SHARED community investment. (SOW, REAP, GROW) For more information, contact us at (540) 288-7100 or visit www.iwannagohome.org.

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