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Columbia Post 300

Never Forgotten - Again

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Our energetic George Delaney shared a personal story of receiving a HELP call from the Howard County Veterans Affairs. A despondent veteran alone at home had just received serious spinal surgery and needed a heavy duty wheel chair and special commode. Columbia Post 300 Vice Commander George Delaney responded within two minutes to get to the County Lending Closet to sign out the needed items and learn how to install them through video training. He delivered and installed them. Our veteran always has a family of veterans willing to serve. He is never alone never forgotten. He called later to assure George that his efforts were not wasted as the veteran was recovering well and able to use the wheelchair and commode.

George shared this story while picking up a box of cookies, fruit/nut bars and beef jerky from me on a Sunday morning for troop CARE packages. George is too modest to relate this story himself.

Did George help prevent a suicide?

George spent time comforting and praying with the Veteran.

After George's wife Barbara received flowers of thanks from the Veteran two years later, George called the Veteran to give thanks for the flowers.

The Veteran's reply, "George, you saved me on the darkest day of my life, comforting me and restoring my hope. I learned to live with my ailments and limitations and found joy in life. I sent the flowers to Barbara for sharing you with me in my darkest time to see the light. I chose life."

The veteran just called me in 2026, years later to share that George nearly fell off the steps moving the 70 pound wheel chair. Under pain and stress, he admitted to being verbally abusive to caring George, who just prayed and listened. The 70 pound wheel chair is still in service today. We have a grateful veteran who understands he is never forgotten. His call helped to give me the veteran's perspective and information George didn't share. When we survive the "darkest" day of our life, every other day is worth living.

