



## When the Mission Changes- The Service Continues

For many Veterans, service has been a defining force in life. It shaped our routines, our values, our sense of belonging, and our purpose. Then one day, the uniform comes off. The structure changes. The mission isn't as clear. Retirement or separation brings freedom, but it can also bring an unexpected question: What now?



At Easterseals Veterans Rally Point, we see this moment not as an ending, but as a transition. Service does not disappear when military or professional careers conclude, it evolves.

### **Finding Purpose After the Uniform**

Life after service often calls for redefining identity. The skills that once supported a unit, a ship, a squad, or a department don't vanish. Leadership, reliability, teamwork, accountability, and compassion are still there. What changes is where and how they are applied.

Volunteering offers a powerful bridge between who you were and who you are becoming. It restores routine without rigidity, purpose without pressure, and community without rank. It allows service to remain personal, meaningful, and rooted in choice.

### **Why Volunteering at Veterans Rally Point Matters**

Volunteering at Veterans Rally Point is not about filling time, it's about building connection and it's about our community we care so deeply about. Whether supporting the food pantry, helping with peer meals, assisting at events, lending skills in the Makerspace, or simply showing up for another Veteran, volunteers play a critical role in sustaining a healthy, supportive environment. Every contribution strengthens the foundation of trust,

dignity, and belonging that makes VRP more than just a building, it is what makes it our community. At VRP, Veterans help Veterans. Families are supported. No one is expected to have all the answers. What matters is presence, consistency, and a willingness to serve in new ways.

### **Strengthening the Community We've Built, Together.**

Our community is strong because it is shared. It is healthy because it is intentional. Volunteering reinforces both. It reminds us that purpose is not something we lose when a chapter closes, it is something we carry forward. As VRP continues to grow, so does the need for people who believe in connection, service, and shared responsibility. Every volunteer helps ensure that Veterans walking through our doors feel welcomed, supported, and understood.

### **Interested in Volunteering?**

If you are navigating life after service or simply looking for a meaningful way to give back, we invite you to explore volunteering at Easterseals Veterans Rally Point. Talk with any member of the VRP staff to learn more about opportunities that align with your interests, skills, and availability. Email [rlandry@escrec.org](mailto:rlandry@escrec.org) or call today (860) 859-4148

Your service still matters.

Your experience still matters.

And together, we can continue building the strong, healthy community that defines Veterans Rally Point.