

# Order of the Silver Star American Veterans' Sailing Program AVSP

FORGING LASTING BONDS AT SEA



The Order of the Silver Star is a **veteran-run 501(c)(3) nonprofit** that is committed to supporting veterans in our local community and beyond. We are launching our latest initiative, the **American Veterans' Sailing Program (AVSP)**. Our goal is to provide a positive activity for **veterans and their families** by helping alleviate the stresses incurred during military service through sailing, **for free**. The **AVSP** will provide new experiences, teach skills, and cultivate friendships, forging lasting bonds at sea. This program will be the first of its kind in the Lake Erie, made possible through the generous donation of the 38' classic sailing ketch, **SWEETWATER**, by fellow veteran and volunteer, Stephen Reutz.



We are raising funds to get this program out on the water. Our full-sail financial goal for launching the **AVSP** is to raise **\$50,000** this summer. This will cover the restoration, maintenance, initial voyage, docking, and operational costs for smooth sailing. With your donation we will:

- Host a monthly sailing weekend for **veterans & their families** in Northeast Ohio.
- Host quarterly **veterans support events and seminars**.
- Complete the restoration of **SWEETWATER**, including engine overhaul, refinishing and repainting, electrical systems review, and new sails, etc.
- Complete **SWEETWATER's** voyage from Florida to Ohio via the Intracoastal Waterway (ICW), crewed by our volunteer sailing team.
- Cover the costs of insurance, docking, and maintenance to keep the program afloat.

The Order of the Silver Star is committed to the success of the **American Veterans' Sailing Program (AVSP)**, and will operate the program for the benefit of America's veterans in perpetuity. The **AVSP** will be the premier sailing program for **veterans and their families** on the Great Lakes. Please visit <https://www.orderofthesilverstar.org/american-veterans-sailing-program> to learn more, or reach out to [info@orderofthesilverstar.org](mailto:info@orderofthesilverstar.org) to donate. Your support and donations towards the **AVSP's** mission will make a difference in the lives of our veterans. Thank you!

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