

YELLOW RIBBON FUND 20 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

CELEBRATING TWO DECADES OF SERVICE,
POWERED BY TWO DECADES OF SUPPORT

Finding Strength Beyond the Uniform

For retired Army Sergeant First Class Jeremiah Phillips, service was more than a duty — it was a calling. During his 20-year career, he led soldiers through both the challenges and triumphs of military life, guided by a deep sense of purpose and pride. But when he hung up his uniform for the last time, Jeremiah faced a new kind of mission: learning how to live as a civilian.

“Transitioning to civilian life was tougher than I expected,” he recalls. “You go from being part of something bigger than yourself to wondering where you fit again.”

Not long after retirement, Jeremiah’s path took an unexpected turn. He was diagnosed with Clear Cell Carcinoma, a rare form of kidney cancer. Though he had already filed for his disabilities prior to retirement — before the cancer appeared — he later registered with the Burn Pit Registry to help document possible service-related exposure for veterans like him.

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After surgery and months of treatment, Jeremiah finally heard the words every patient longs to hear: remission. For a while, life felt stable again. He and his wife began rebuilding, cherishing simple routines and holding on to gratitude.

But just over a year later, the cancer returned. The journey was harder — both physically and emotionally. Still, Jeremiah faced it the only way he knew how: with quiet determination and faith.

That strength was bolstered by Yellow Ribbon Fund, which gave Jeremiah and his wife the one thing they’d been missing — community. Through retreats, caregiver programs, and events, they connected with other military families who understood their challenges and shared their hope.



Jeremiah and family at YRF Ocean Reef Wellness Retreat 2025.



“When you’re surrounded by other veterans and caregivers who understand, it reminds you that you’re not alone,” Jeremiah says. “That brotherhood and sisterhood — it comes back. You remember what it feels like to be part of something again.”

Thanks to supporters like you, Jeremiah and his wife have found connection, comfort, and renewed strength to keep moving forward.

“Yellow Ribbon Fund gave us a community again,” Jeremiah says. “It showed us that people still care about our journey — that our service still means something.”

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