



**Mission First, Never Accept Defeat, Never
Quit, and Never Leave a Fallen Comrade.**



**Annual Report
2007**

Director's Message



In 2007, we were truly blessed with great board leadership; a professional staff; wonderful volunteers and a caring community. Through the efforts of our staff we returned more than \$1.30 million dollars back into the community. This was accomplished through obtaining or upgrading VA entitlements and in placing 25 Veterans into the workforce with an average compensation of \$13.00 per hour.

In 2008 Still Serving Veterans will take its first step toward our dream of expanding into other states. With the hard work of our board members we are on the verge of having an adjunct office located in Kansas. We are very excited about this opportunity and look forward to branching out to many more states.

The backbone of our organization has been our able staff assisted by all the wonderful volunteers who have given their time, expertise, and leadership to Still Serving Veterans. As we embark upon a New Year Still Serving Veterans will continue to serve our community by providing exceptional services that meet the needs of our Veterans and their families.





2007 Still Serving Veterans Significant Events

- Still Serving Veterans open house which was attended by the board, staff, and many from the local community.
- Vet's to Work Days – We held two of these seminars this year. One on June 6th at North Alabama Center for Educational Excellence and the other was a two day event on October 16 & 17 at the Calhoun Huntsville Campus.
- A media center was opened at our facility on Johnson Road. It has 5 computer workstations with internet and printing capabilities. This is open to our Veterans and their families.
- Still Serving Veterans has attended multiple Veteran Homecomings across North Alabama.
- Veterans Career Fair was held by Still Serving Veterans in conjunction with other events during Heroes Weekend (Veteran's Day) at the Embassy Suites Hotel & Spa in downtown Huntsville. Still Serving Veterans also held a mini Vet's to Work Day during this weekend.
- Huntsville Association of Realtors held a talent show to raise money that was donated to Still Serving Veterans.
- Julie Lockwood ran Grandfather Mountain Marathon in honor of her grandmother Sibyl Wilkinson and they donated all the money to Still Serving Veterans.
- 2007 Annual Golf Tournament was held in October at Cherokee Ridge Golf Course. It was a great success thanks to the support of local businesses and individuals in our community.
- Still Serving Veterans received the Volunteer Organization of the Year Award.
- Still Serving Veterans received the recognition award from the North Alabama Veterans Fraternal Organizations Coalition.
- Still Serving Veterans obtained our Combined Federal Campaign number this year CFC#12606.



Still Serving Veterans Case Manager's Success



We were recently visited by an 84- year old retired Navy Veteran and his daughter seeking assistance in finding funds to pay for nursing home care. The Veteran has multiple disabilities and is no longer able to live independently.

Still Serving Veterans Case Manager investigated the feasibility of a non-service connected disability pension, with aid and attendance benefits, however because of the Veteran's gross income and limited out-of-pocket medical expenses, a pension would not provide sufficient money to meet the monthly expenses for the nursing home.

During the course of the in-depth interview it was revealed that he also had been diagnosed with chronic lymphocyte leukemia and congestive heart failure. This retired Veteran had also served in WWII, Korea, and Vietnam.

In as much as Chronic Lymphocyte Leukemia (CLL) is a presumptive service connected disability due to Agent Orange exposure and the Veteran had served as Seabee ashore in Vietnam the thrust of assistance immediately changed to obtaining medical evidence in support of the CLL service-connected claim. The requisite medical evidence has since been obtained and the claim filed with the VA Regional Office in Montgomery, AL.

When finally adjudicated by the VA this will result in a monthly receipt of almost \$2600! Additionally, when the approval decision document is finally received we will immediately apply for CRCS which will provide the Veteran with an additional \$2600 in monthly compensation. ALL of this will be Tax-Exempt! This will more than pay for his nursing home care and allow him to live out his remaining years in dignity and without placing a financial burden on his family.

In addition to the in office appointments and counseling, Still Serving Veterans hosted several events in 2007 in support of our Workforce Transition mission. In April, we formed a new Interagency Council for the Employment of Veterans with Disabilities – essentially a partnership with several agencies in the community who also help Veterans in their efforts to find meaningful employment. Professionals from Still Serving Veterans, the AL Vocational Rehabilitation Services, the VA Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment Services, Huntsville Career Center, and Huntsville Rehabilitation Foundation teamed up to develop our “Vets to Work” seminars. These seminars offered Veterans a unique opportunity for mentoring from HR Directors, business leaders, and seasoned professionals from our community. Sessions on resume writing, job search and application tips, “mock” interviews, and realistic expectations and guidance on education/training for their future were included.

In June, the Interagency Council held our first “Vets to Work” seminar for 20 Veterans @ the North Alabama Center for Educational Excellence (NACEE). Over 30 professionals from the area served as Mentors, to include staff from Redstone Arsenal CPO, the Birmingham Dept. of Veterans Affairs (HR), and Operation Grateful Heart. Veterans were assigned to teams and attended concurrent sessions throughout the day, to include a lunch with guest speakers. It was a hectic day but things went well, thanks to the wonderful staff @ NACEE. The Interagency

Council met for a “hot wash” and re-tooled future seminars based on feedback from the event surveys.

In October, we hosted “Vets to Work” for two days @ Calhoun Community College in Huntsville. Calhoun graciously allowed us the use of classrooms and computer labs to hold the seminars. Over the two days, 35 Veterans participated. Again, we had outstanding mentoring support from the business community, Redstone Arsenal, Operation Grateful Heart, and the Birmingham VA.

In November, Still Serving Veterans teamed up with Semper Fi Community Task Force to support 15 active duty Marines from the Wounded Warrior Regiments in CA & NC who traveled to Huntsville for “Heroes Weekend” (Veterans Day weekend). Still Serving Veterans hosted a “mini Vets to Work” session with the help of several Mentors and the wonderful staff at the Embassy Suites and Ruth’s Chris Steakhouse. The culminating event was the first annual Veterans Career Fair, held at the Embassy Suites on November 13th. There were 42 businesses and over 125 job seekers who attended!

Overall, it was an eventful year for our Veterans seeking employment. Plans for similar events in 2008 are in the works – check the Still Serving Veterans website for updated information. Thanks for your continued support of our Veterans and their Families!





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We would also like to thank the following businesses for their support:

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ERC, Inc.

Huntsville Association of Realtors

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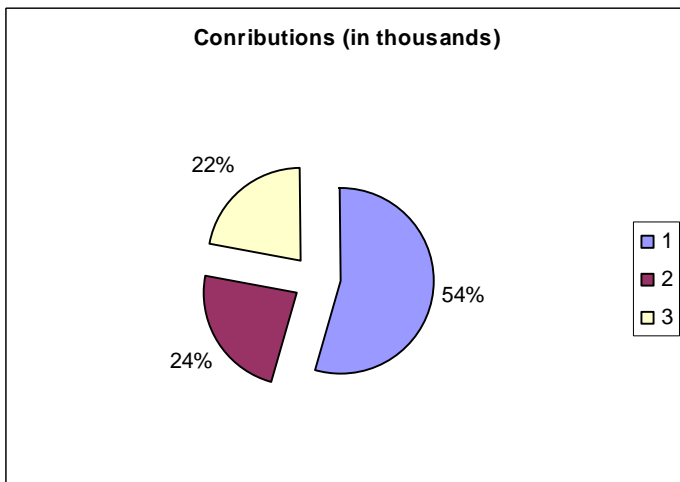
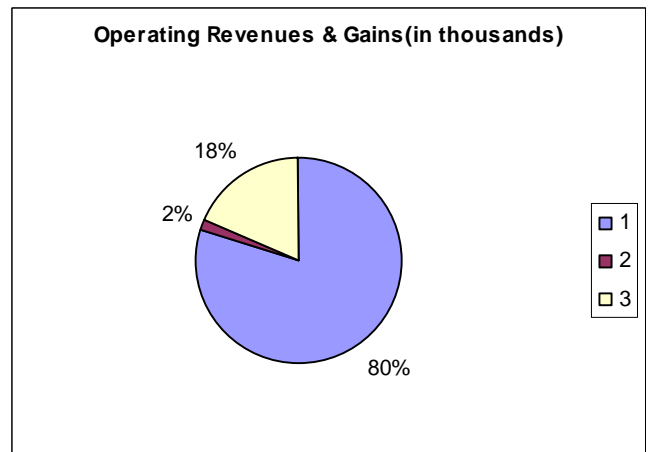
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Sources of Financial Support

Still Serving Veterans operating funds come from three main funding sources: contributions, revenues from special events, investment income and other sources. Total Still Serving Veterans **operating revenues and gains** for fiscal year 2007 were **\$329,464** thousand. **Operating expenses** for fiscal year 2007 were **\$299,546** thousand. Still Serving Veterans **Net Income** for fiscal year 2007 is **\$29,918** thousand.

1. **Contributions (262,810) 80%**
(includes corporate, foundation, and individual giving, legacies and bequests, grants, and in-kind donations)
2. **Investment Income & Other (5,764) 2%**
(includes investment income and other revenues)
3. **Special Events (60,890) 18%**
(includes golf tournament and other misc. events)



1. **Donated Materials & Services**
(142,020) 54%
2. **Contributed Support**
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3. **Grants**
(58,514) 22%

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