

## **Cherokee County Homeless Veterans Program (CCHVP) Launches Veterans Photography Club to Combat Isolation in Veteran Community**

**Canton, GA – June 18, 2025** – The Cherokee County Homeless Veterans Program (CCHVP) is expanding its recreational activities for veterans with the launch of a photography club aimed at reducing isolation among Cherokee and Pickens County veterans. The initiative follows the success of a recent five-session photography workshop led by retired Psychologist Alan Bernhardt and retired Nurse Kathy Schevling, both avid photographers. Participants expressed strong interest in continuing their exploration of photography, prompting CCHVP to establish the club as a new avenue for social connection and photographic skill development.

The kick-off meeting will be held on **June 18th at American Legion #45, 160 McClure St., Canton, GA**, hosted by Alan Bernhardt, Kathy Schevling, workshop participant and former Vietnam War combat photographer Mark Maloney, and CCHVP Director Jim Lindenmayer. Veterans and their spouses/significant others are invited to attend, share their input, and express their interest in joining the club. For more information contact Alan Bernhardt at: [bernhardtaj@yahoo.com](mailto:bernhardtaj@yahoo.com) or Jim Lindenmayer at: [jlindenmayer80@gmail.com](mailto:jlindenmayer80@gmail.com).

In addition to regular meetups, CCHVP plans to showcase members' work at the upcoming Cherokee County Fair in September, providing a platform for veterans to share their stories and lives through photography.

### **About the Cherokee County Homeless Veterans Program**

The Cherokee County Homeless Veterans Program, a 501c19 nonprofit, is dedicated to supporting homeless and at-risk veterans in Cherokee County. As part of the American Legion Thomas M. Brady Post 45, the program leverages a range of activities, including fly fishing and photography, to foster community and reduce isolation. To learn more, visit [www.cherokeehomelessveterans.com](http://www.cherokeehomelessveterans.com).

For more information about the American Legion, the largest veteran support group in the U.S. with over 2.4 million members, visit **[www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org)**.