

# Vehicle Fees Eliminated for Some Veterans

By Rep. Ann Flood

A new state law, which I supported, eliminates vehicle registration and title fees for certain veterans in the Commonwealth.

Under Act 60 of 2024, fees are eliminated for a passenger vehicle or truck weighing 9,000 pounds or less owned by military veterans who meet one of the following requirements (license plate fees still apply):

- Vehicles registered to a veteran who lost a limb or eye or who became partially paralyzed while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.
- Vehicles registered to a veteran who, as a member of the Armed Forces of the United States, was captured by the enemy in any armed conflict for which the Department of Defense authorizes a campaign medal.
- Vehicles registered to a veteran who has been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.
- Vehicles registered to a veteran who has been awarded the Purple Heart.

Eligible veterans should use the MV-145V or MV-150P forms to apply for the benefit at this time. Updated forms are pending.



# Clean Team Workforce's November Employee of the Month

By Stephnie Appel

(ALLENTOWN, PA) – The Clean Team Workforce congratulates its Employee of the Month for November, Michael D. Michael has been a model worker for the Clean Team Workforce. He is prompt, a team player, and ready to work every day. He also has been an asset to the demolition crew. He was recently promoted to crew leader for a demolition contract the Clean Team Workforce will begin at the end of December.

Before Michael became homeless, he worked for 15 years as a supervisor for a filter manufacturing company. As the demands of his job grew, so did the stress that he experienced from the increased workload. Michael ended up having disputes with his supervisor and health issues because of his stress. He suffered from dizzy spells and psoriasis from "head to toe." Michael said, "It was so difficult to function, and it was unbearable at times."

Ultimately, he parted ways with his employer and decided to live off his savings until he found a job with less stress. Unfortunately, between the cost of Michael's psoriasis medication and his inability to promptly land another job, he drained his savings. No longer capable of paying his rent, he came to the Allentown Rescue Mission for help.

Michael joined the Transformation Program at the Mission and used the time there to better his life and situation. He took advantage of the life skills and Bible classes taught in the program, which give him a new perspective on life. After completing the eight-week program, Michael was hired by the Clean Team Workforce. Today, Michael is making friends, saving money, and working toward a bright future. Eventually, he would like to find a supervisory position with a Lehigh Valley manufacturing company and be able to afford a little place of his own.



# Crayola and United Way Spread Holiday Cheer with 100K Challenge

By Turning Point of Lehigh Valley

LEHIGH VALLEY - The 5th annual Crayola United Way \$100,000 Challenge concluded with a celebration of community and generosity. Twenty generous Crayola employees who participated in the United Way campaign directed \$5,000 grants to nonprofit partners close to their hearts.

Turning Point of Lehigh Valley is honored to have been chosen by two compassionate Crayola employees, Derrick Weaver (pictured above with Executive Director Lori Sywensky & Director of Advancement Meghan Baker) and Ali McDaniel. Their generosity provided two grants to support our work in empowering survivors of domestic and intimate partner abuse.

Thank you, Crayola and United Way, for creating opportunities to support local organizations and strengthen our community. Together, we are making a meaningful difference!

# HOLIDAY RECAP

This holiday season has been a whirlwind of kindness and joyful moments! We captured some fantastic photos that truly reflect the spirit of giving and celebration. As you take a look at them, we hope you feel the warmth and festive cheer!

