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## Community Outreach Coordinator

Jay Roberts was born and raised in a small village in upstate New York called Carthage. Just outside of Fort Drum, NY. Jay's father, James Roberts, served with the 31st Army Infantry Division in the Korean War out of Fort Drum, NY. Growing up, Jay looked up to his father as a Combat Veteran and always wanted to serve in the Army.

While still in high school, Jay joined the New York Army National Guard until he graduated from high school then joined the active US Army. Jay served 8 years active, went to 13 countries, Desert Shield/Desert Storm/ Desert Victory, and was in Operation Safe Haven in Panama 1994/95.

In 1995, Jay got out of the army and moved to his dad's hometown Knoxville, Tn. He joined the US Army reserves for three years.

In 1998, he became a truck driver and had been a lead driver for American Paper & Twine since 2013.

In 2005, he moved to Florida and became great friends with the owner of the company. Jay found out that the owner only had one kidney and was on dialysis for 2 1/2 years already, and the average life expectancy is 7 years. So in 2006, Jay donated a kidney to his friend. The kidney lasted 11 years, but his friend passed away in October 2020 from other medical issues.

In 2015, God allowed Jay to direct and lead a mission team here in Knoxville, TN. In 3 1/2 years, God bless over 300 families. The mission teams built handicap ramps, remolded homes, yard work, clean houses, mechanic work, donated food, furniture, firewood, and so forth.

In 2019, Jay joined the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association and had been an active member since. He believes in the CVMA mission. "Vets helping Vets."

In 2020. Jay started volunteering with Infinite Warrior Foundation and believes in our Mission, "ONE TEAM ONE FIGHT."