

Standing in their corner...

Volunteer group helps veterans seeking military benefits

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Staff Writer

Jerry Baxter said there was a time when veterans would line up in the middle of the night to get help with their benefits.

Thanks to donations, and a crew of volunteers, veterans in Oklahoma are getting the help they need with the Veteran's Corner, Inc., located at 3805 SE 44th Street in Newcastle.

The organization was started 15 years ago by a group of veteran volunteers.

"In the beginning, people would line up in the middle of the night because we could only take care of so many people on a Thursday," Baxter said. "Thanks to donations we have been able to build our own building there on State Highway 9, and we are able to be open four days a week. We



Veteran's Corner, 3805 SE 44th St. in Newcastle, offers assistance for veterans seeking benefits.

help veterans with their paperwork for their disabilities."

Baxtersaid they are in regular contact with the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs in Muskogee.

"It speeds it (benefit claims) up a lot," he said.

Baxter said his wife Joan, and other veteran's spouses, have joined the volunteer lineup to help.

Mrs. Baxter said they help veterans who have financial hardship.

"We help veterans that are down on their luck," she said. "We help them with utilities and rent. We have a \$500 maximum that we can give to a veteran."

Baxter said Veteran's Corner has a workshop housing medical equipment for veterans, as well as

provide veterans information on (veteran) spousal benefits.

"We try to educate them on what their wife will be eligible for," he said.

Baxter said having Veteran's Corner has been a blessing for veterans.

"We are like a godsend to most of them," he said.

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