



## Guitars for Vets Program, Lebanon VA Medical Center Lebanon [Chapter 90 of the national program] VA Guitars for Vets Program



The Lebanon VA Medical Center (VAMC), Lebanon, Pennsylvania has enthusiastically sponsored our local Chapter 90 since early 2018. Our 11<sup>th</sup> basic classes graduated in May in two locations: Hershey, PA and Lancaster, PA; we began a new summer (evening) class in Hershey on June 18, 2024.

The Chapter has over 15 full and part-time guitar volunteer instructors. The **G4V** national organization and the local public have donated over 6,000 new and used acoustic and electric guitars for our students' use throughout their instruction as well as for graduation. If one is interested in donating a used guitar and/or purchasing a new acoustic guitar for our graduates, please contact the coordinators (page 2).

**Guitars For Vets** is a 501c (3) non-profit organization whose mission is to enhance the lives of injured and ailing veterans through the healing power of music. **G4V** provides free guitar lessons and a free guitar to vets who are referred into the program by a care provider. The purpose is to promote positive social interaction, provide an avenue for self-expression, build focus and confidence, and create bonds of fellowship with other like-minded veterans. Veterans learn guitar skills along the way. Here are a few program basics:

- Veterans who are interested in enrolling should contact the Lebanon VAMC, the CORE Center, Room 128, Building 18 or the coordinators (see page two). Each veteran should be referred to the G4V program by health care professional, a counselor or other appropriate advisor.
- Students receive 10 (ten) free private 1 (one) hour guitar lessons. At the conclusion of the 10 lessons the student receives a free guitar & accessories kit from **G4V** and Chapter 90.
- Instructors are VA or **G4V** approved volunteers, and all instruments are donated or purchased by **G4V**, funded by charitable donations, or donated by private citizens to Chapter 90.
- Post-graduation, **G4V** students are invited to participate in regular group lessons with other **G4V** graduates to promote continued learning and connection with like-minded vets. Many of our graduates perform, locally, for various functions and organizations.
- You can learn more about **Guitars For Vets** by visiting [www.guitars4vets.org](http://www.guitars4vets.org) or find various **G4V** Chapters by searching Facebook.

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