



VETERANS

★★★ HALL OF FAME ★★★

RICHIE JARCHO

Richie Jarcho served as a Private First Class in the United States Army.

A man with a deep sense of duty and compassion, Mr. Jarcho embarked on his military journey by proactively moving up in the draft to serve his country. In 1958, he underwent basic training at Fort Dix before being stationed as a cook at Fort Benning, Georgia. However, destiny had other plans, as he was deployed to Korea on General Mann's troop ship alongside 5,000 others. Assigned to a signal outfit, Mr. Jarcho's adaptability and quick learning led him to take care of generators despite having no prior experience.

Upon returning home, Mr. Jarcho's commitment to service remained undiminished. When President Kennedy recalled troops due to the Berlin Crisis, he willingly rejoined and served at Fort Eustis, Virginia until his honorable discharge in 1961. Following his military career, he began selling marble and glass tables for his cousin.

Mr. Jarcho's journey of charity began approximately 23 years ago, triggered by a heart-rending story about a disabled veteran who lost his limbs in the war. His compassion and determination drove him to help veterans in need. Despite initial challenges, Mr. Jarcho persisted and established a tradition of distributing turkeys during major holidays, including Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter. His efforts continued to grow, and he reached out to various organizations to expand his impact.

Recognizing the potential of equine therapy for veterans with PTSD, Mr. Jarcho adopted horses and partnered with sponsors to regularly provide life-changing treatment to veterans.

For his dedication and staunch support of veterans and their families, he has received numerous awards and recognitions.

Mr. Jarcho's life has been a testament to the power of volunteerism, empathy, and generosity. From his military service to his communal endeavors, he has left an indelible mark on the lives of veterans and the Rockland community, showing that a single individual's compassion can bring about profound positive change.



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