



# *Neighbor of the Month:*

## *Mark Flower*



Mark Flower, peer mentor coordinator for Dryhootch, has made waves in our community. A veteran himself, he has dedicated his life to helping veterans in need. In his words, "What I try to do is for those that are asking for help, we try to get them the help they need, so they can start moving forward instead of backwards."

Dryhootch is a national nonprofit, started on Milwaukee's east side, by veterans to help veterans in their return home. It provides a social outlet that is safe, comfortable, free of drugs and alcohol, and that encourages veteran interaction with the community as a whole.

"Hootch" is military slang for a safe place to sleep during combat. "Dry" is in reference to keeping a gathering place that is free of alcohol as it is often abused by veterans affected by post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

Through Dryhootch, veterans find resources to help heal from war through peer support, artistic outlets, career services, legal help, and more.

For more information on Dryhootch, or to make a donation, please click [here](#).

Thank you, Mark, for all you do for our neighbors!