


DVNF NEWSLETTER

DVNF LAUNCHES NEW PLANNED GIVING PLATFORM TO EMPOWER VETERANS

The Disabled Veterans National Foundation (DVNF) is excited to introduce its new Planned Giving Platform, a transformative tool designed to enable our donors to create lasting legacies that significantly impact the lives of disabled and at-risk veterans. This initiative aligns with our mission to provide compassionate support through the Capacity Building Grants Legacy Fund, which supports vital services ensuring our heroes receive the care and respect they deserve.

EMPOWERING FUTURE SUPPORT WITH THE PLANNED GIVING PLATFORM

Our Planned Giving Platform offers a range of user-friendly tools that simplify the legacy planning process. Donors can include bequests in their wills, set up annuities, or donate stocks and real estate, knowing their contributions will continue to support vital veteran services like mental health and physical rehabilitation programs. This service is not only free but tailored to maximize the impact of every gift, reflecting our donors' philanthropic goals and personal financial planning.

REAL IMPACT FOR OUR VETERANS

Through this platform, donors like John, a retired Navy veteran, have found a meaningful way to continue supporting their fellow veterans. "Knowing that even after I'm gone, I can still help my fellow veterans gives me immense peace of mind," says John. His legacy will support innovative programs that help veterans reintegrate into civilian life with dignity.

WHY YOUR SUPPORT MATTERS

The generosity of our donors allows DVNF to provide substantial funding to organizations that make a real difference. These funds ensure essential services continue without interruption and new programs can be developed to meet evolving needs. "The Planned Giving Platform represents our commitment to sustaining and expanding our support for veterans," says Joseph VanFonda, CEO of DVNF. "It allows us to plan for the future, ensuring these life-changing programs continue."

JOIN US IN MAKING A LASTING DIFFERENCE

We invite you to explore the possibilities with our Planned Giving Platform. By partnering with us, your legacy can provide ongoing hope and help to those who have given so much. Together, we can continue to make a significant impact on the lives of our veterans.

For more information on how you can make a difference, please visit our website at: www.DVNF.org or contact our Planned Giving team. Your support can create a legacy of care that endures for generations.

FROM MILITARY SERVICE TO ADVOCACY: SELENA DOMINGUEZ'S JOURNEY TO SUPPORTING VETERANS

In the heart of San Angelo, Texas, where patriotism runs deep, Selena Dominguez embarked on a path that few choose but many honor. Graduating from Columbia College in 2018 with a degree in accounting, Selena felt compelled to serve her country, inspired by a family tradition of military service that spans generations. Joining the U.S. Army as a Finance Specialist (36B), she was stationed with the 25th Sustainment Brigade at Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

During her tenure, Selena's dedication and prowess did not go unnoticed. Her service through the challenging times of the COVID-19 pandemic earned her multiple commendations, including the Army Commendation Medal and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, among others. These accolades were not just medals on her chest but a testament to her commitment and resilience.



Transitioning from military life, Selena carried her spirit of service into supporting those who served. Joining the Disabled Veterans National Foundation, she started as an Office Assistant and quickly rose to the position of Program Assistant. In her current role, Selena is pivotal in orchestrating programs that deliver direct aid to veterans, ensuring they receive the support and recognition they deserve.

"Working with DVNF, I've found a way to continue my service off the battlefield," Selena shares. "It's about letting veterans know they are not alone in this fight we call life. This organization is a beacon for many, and I am proud to be a part of it."

Selena's story is one of courage, change, and continuity. From the military fronts to the administrative offices of DVNF, she continues to impact lives, driven by a profound commitment to her fellow veterans and her community.

EMPOWERING CHANGE: THE IMPACT OF DVNF'S PROGRAMS

The Disabled Veterans National Foundation (DVNF) continues to make significant strides in supporting our nation's heroes through its innovative programs. In the second quarter of 2024, the DVNF's efforts were highlighted by substantial progress in several key areas, reflecting the organization's deep commitment to empowering veterans.

BROADENING REACH WITH HEALTH & COMFORT PROGRAMS



The Health and Comfort initiative remains a cornerstone of DVNF's outreach, delivering essential supplies directly to veterans across the United States. Currently, the program successfully distributed 10,736 Comfort Kits, directly impacting veterans and their families in 17 states. These kits, filled with

necessary health and hygiene items, are more than just supplies—they are a symbol of care and respect for those who have served our country, ensuring they know they are not forgotten.

ENHANCING STABILITY THROUGH GRANTS

The DVNF's Grants to Provide Stability program has been a lifeline for 188 veterans and their families, providing over \$154,000 in financial assistance. This crucial support helps at-risk veterans avoid homelessness and maintain their dignity by assisting with expenses like rent and utilities during tough times.

“The GPS program gave me a leg up when I was behind on my mortgage payment. I did not know what I was going to do to make up the payment and support my family. I was concerned the house I worked so hard to obtain would be taking from me or that my credit would take another serious hit to what took me forever to build. The biggest impact is the weight I felt lift of my shoulders knowing someone had my back.”



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CATALYZING GROWTH WITH CAPACITY BUILDING GRANTS



The Capacity Building Grants program has seen a robust session this first period, with over 100 Letters of Intent received and 29 impactful projects recommended for funding. These grants empower like-minded organizations that provide innovative services such as adaptive sports, art therapy, and equine therapy, which are crucial for the mental and physical recovery of veterans.

A LOOK AHEAD

Looking forward, DVNF is set to expand its impact with projected activities for the upcoming quarters, aiming to reach even more veterans in need. The ongoing commitment of DVNF to adapt and increase its support reflects its core mission: to serve those who have served us, with the utmost respect and effectiveness.

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 ALL LIFE CHANGES CAN BE MANAGED
 MIND. BODY. SPIRIT.

**TRANSFORMING LIVES WITH
 PROVEN SUPPORT AND NEW
 INSIGHTS**

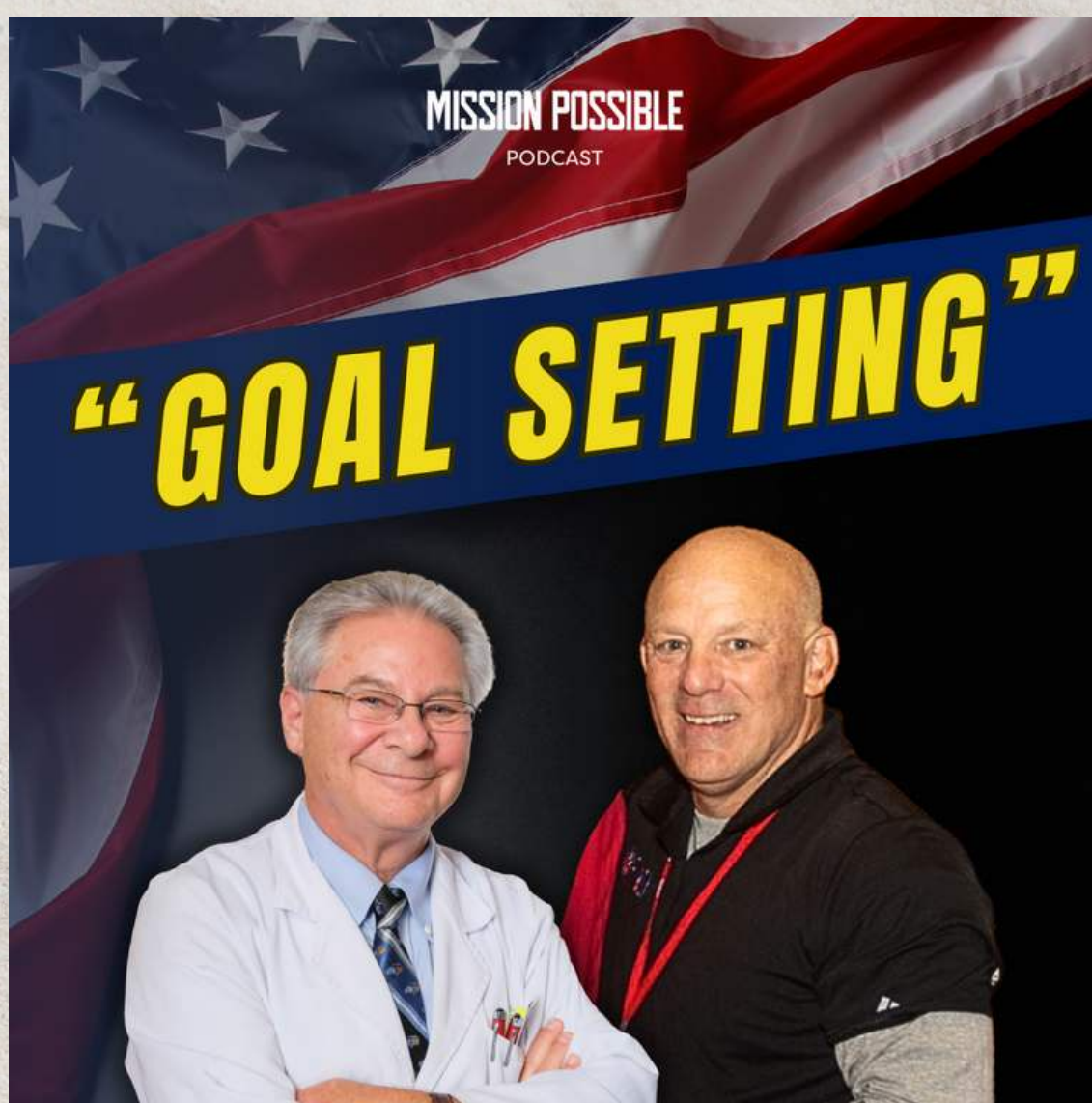
The "Mission Possible" program, spearheaded by the Disabled Veterans National Foundation (DVNF), offers vital support to veterans and first responders facing mental health challenges. With 2488 registered participants and a suite of interactive tools, the program has made significant strides in promoting mental wellness.

PROVEN IMPACT AND PARTICIPANT STORIES

The real-life benefits of "Mission Possible" are vividly reflected in participant testimonials. Veterans like Brian have found peace in managing stress, while Stacy appreciates the guided meditations that have reshaped her approach to daily challenges. These stories highlight the transformative impact of the program, demonstrating substantial improvements in mental health and decision-making.

INNOVATIVE SUPPORT AND NEW PODCAST SERIES

Enhancing accessibility, the Mission Possible app allows participants to engage with mental health resources on their terms, ensuring they can access support whenever needed. Adding to this rich resource pool, DVNF has launched an exciting new podcast featuring Dr. Marty Rossman and DVNF CEO Joseph VanFonda, USMC SgtMaj (Ret). These powerful discussions focus on the theme "All Life's Challenges Can Be Managed," offering deep insights and practical advice for navigating life's complexities.



JOIN THE MISSION

The DVNF continues to reach out to more veterans, first responders and family members, empowering them with tools for a healthier life. We invite you to join this vital mission—either by enrolling someone you know or supporting our efforts. Together, we can make a significant difference in the lives of those who have served us.

Thank you for your loyal support. Stay tuned for more stories of compassion, dedication, and resilience in our upcoming DVNF Newsletter.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Joseph VanFonda (USMC SgtMaj Ret.)
CEO/ Disabled Veterans National Foundation (DVNF)