

DVNF NEWSLETTER

A HEARTFELT HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM DVNF

As we welcome the New Year, we at the Disabled Veterans National Foundation (DVNF) want to extend our deepest gratitude to you—our incredible donors and corporate partners. Your unwavering support has been the cornerstone of everything we've accomplished in 2024.

Thanks to you, we've touched the lives of countless disabled and at-risk veterans, providing them with the resources and support they need to build a brighter future. Together, we're not just providing assistance—we're empowering lives, inspiring resilience, and building a community of care and compassion.

As we look ahead to 2025, we're filled with excitement and determination to expand our impact even further. With your continued support, we'll reach even more veterans and bring them the hope and stability they deserve.

From all of us at DVNF, we wish you and your loved ones a joyful, healthy, and prosperous New Year. Thank you for standing with us on our mission. Together, we are making a difference.

With heartfelt gratitude,
TEAM DVNF

MISSION POSSIBLE PODCAST: CELEBRATING HEROES

The Mission Possible Podcast, hosted by Dr. Marty Rossman and DVNF CEO Joseph VanFonda, SgtMaj USMC (Ret), highlights individuals and organizations making a difference in the lives of veterans. Recent episodes featured Dr. Rory Cooper ([HERL](#)), Joshua Jabin ([Travis Manion Foundation](#)), Dr. Frank Bourke ([Research and Recognition Project](#)), Modesto "Mo" De La O ([Foxhole](#)), and Emanuel Simmons ([Rock Steady Boxing](#)), who shared their transformative initiatives.

In a heartfelt moment, each guest received a surprise \$10,000 donation from DVNF to further their work: enhancing mobility technologies, leadership development, veteran community outreach, and resilience-building boxing programs like "Ring of Resilience."

"This was a celebration of purpose and partnership," said Dr. Rossman. VanFonda added, "These awards are a testament to our commitment to empowering veterans."

The Mission Possible Podcast continues to inspire with stories of resilience and service. Stay tuned for more uplifting episodes.

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EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: SJ, A DEDICATED ADVOCATE FOR VETERANS



At the Disabled Veterans National Foundation, Satyajit “SJ” Nadkarni stands out as a dedicated team member committed to serving veterans. As DVNF’s grant writer, SJ works tirelessly to secure funding for programs that directly benefit disabled and at-risk veterans. From identifying grant opportunities to crafting detailed proposals, his efforts ensure our programs have the resources to thrive.

SJ’s contributions go beyond writing grants. He actively supports DVNF’s Grab N Go events and Annual Resource Fair, helping provide essential resources to hundreds of veterans. His hands-on involvement reflects his passion for making a meaningful impact.

When not at work, SJ enjoys writing poetry, hiking, and baking bread to share with loved ones. His creativity and care shine in everything he does.

We’re proud to have SJ as part of the DVNF family. Thank you, SJ, for your dedication to our veterans!

DVNF PARTNERS WITH ADA FOUNDATION TO SUPPORT 500 VETERANS AT NEW ORLEANS VA HOSPITAL

The Disabled Veterans National Foundation (DVNF) held a successful Health & Comfort “Grab N Go” event at the New Orleans VA Hospital, serving 500 disabled and at-risk veterans.

This impactful event, made possible by the generous sponsorship of the American Dental Association (ADA) Foundation and their SmileCon initiative, provided essential resources and care to veterans in need.



RESTORING DIGNITY AND PROVIDING COMFORT

Every veteran who attended the event received one of DVNF's signature Health & Comfort kits, enriched with dental hygiene products donated and packed by ADA Foundation volunteers during their SmileCon pack-out. These kits were designed to restore dignity and comfort, addressing the daily needs of veterans. Additionally, attendees were provided with a \$25 Visa gift card, giving them extra financial flexibility to meet immediate needs.

A PARTNERSHIP ROOTED IN CARE AND COMPASSION

The ADA Foundation's active involvement extended beyond sponsorship. Their dedicated volunteers not only prepared the kits but also assisted at the event, bringing warmth, compassion, and smiles to veterans throughout the day. The partnership between DVNF and the ADA Foundation exemplifies the power of collaboration in creating meaningful impact.

“We are deeply grateful to the ADA Foundation for their unwavering support and commitment to serving our veterans,” said Joseph VanFonda (USMC SgtMaj Ret.), CEO of DVNF. “Their involvement in both preparation and the event itself brought an added layer of care and compassion, ensuring every veteran felt valued and supported.”

LOOKING AHEAD

This event underscores DVNF's ongoing mission to directly support disabled and at-risk veterans by meeting their unique needs. Partnerships with organizations like the ADA Foundation enable DVNF to expand its reach and impact, creating new opportunities to serve those who have sacrificed so much for our nation.

DVNF looks forward to continuing its partnership with the ADA Foundation and building on the success of the New Orleans Grab N Go event to ensure that every veteran receives the care, dignity, and appreciation they deserve.



VETERANS FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (VFAP) A LIFELINE OF HOPE:

In its first three months, VFAP made an extraordinary impact. A total of 433 veterans submitted applications, and 295 veterans and their families were approved to receive critical food assistance. These efforts resulted in 295 shipments of groceries, valued at \$92,095.46, delivered to veterans across 45 states, including Puerto Rico.

The program's national reach was awe-inspiring. Florida led with 48 shipments, followed by Georgia with 36 shipments, Texas with 22 shipments, and California with 14 shipments. From the bustling streets of major cities to the quiet corners of rural America, VFAP reached veterans wherever they were, proving that food insecurity knows no boundaries—and neither does compassion.

LaMont, an Army veteran, described how VFAP helped: “The grocery support has allowed me to focus on health and other needs without the constant worry about food expenses.”

For LaMont, the groceries he received through VFAP weren't just bags of essentials; they were a reminder that he wasn't alone. “The grocery support has allowed me to focus on health and other needs without the constant worry about food expenses. It's a powerful reminder that I'm not alone, and there are people and organizations dedicated to supporting veterans like me.”



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Take Jeremy , another Army veteran, who described how VFAP restored his family’s sense of stability:

“Receiving this food has been a true blessing. My family and I haven’t had our fridge this full in a long time. Thank you for your assistance; it has made a real difference in our lives.”

CLICK THE VIDEO ABOVE TO LEARN HOW YOUR DONATION HELPS

Each application processed, each shipment sent, highlights a veteran struggling to make ends meet. For every LaMont and Jeremy helped, there are countless others waiting for relief.

As the demand grows, so does the need for support. DVNF is determined to expand VFAP’s reach to help even more veterans facing an empty fridge or the heartbreak of food insecurity.

The story of VFAP’s first three months is a story of resilience, generosity, and unwavering support for those who gave so much to their country. It’s a story of a community coming together to say, “We see you. We care.”

You can be a part of this story. Every donation, every shared word of encouragement, helps us take one step closer to ending hunger for our nation’s heroes. Together, we can ensure that veterans like LaMont and Jeremy—and so many others—never feel forgotten again.



NEW HONOR WALL EXPERIENCE

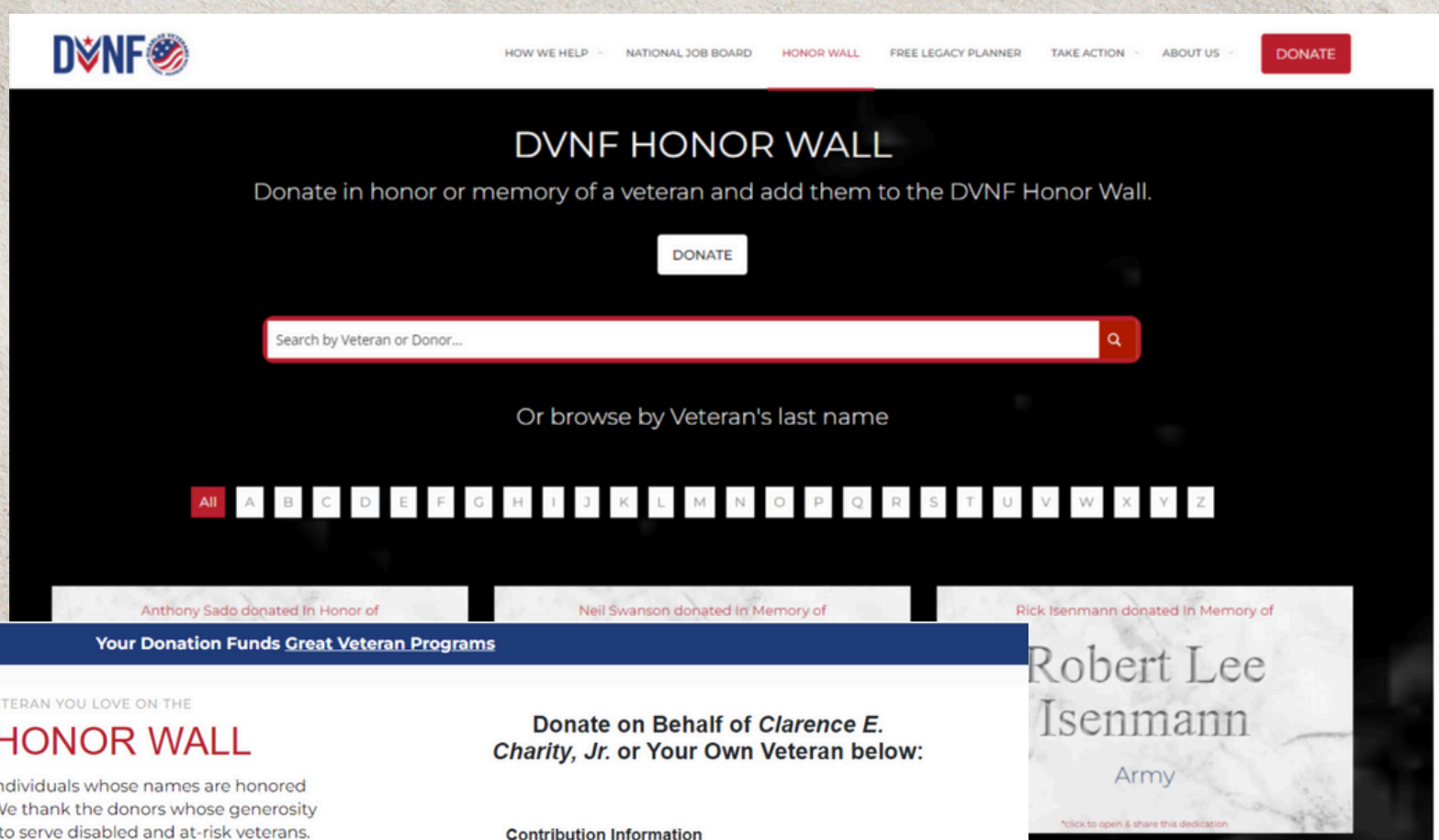
We're thrilled to announce an exciting update to the Honor Wall! With thousands of plaques commemorating beloved veterans by generous donors, it can be challenging to find a specific name or dedication. That's why we decided to enhance the experience with a brand-new search function.

This user-friendly tool allows you to quickly locate your plaque or explore the contributions of others, making it easier than ever to navigate the Honor Wall.

The feedback we've already received about the new search functionality has been both heartwarming and encouraging. Many have shared stories of finding their plaques or those of loved ones, expressing deep gratitude for a platform that truly honors the sacrifices and contributions of our nation's veterans. It's moments like these that remind us of the impact of this meaningful project.

DVNF is honored to provide a platform to celebrate and preserve the legacy of those who have served our country. We are proud to continue fostering a space where their names are never forgotten.

Be sure click on the images below to try out the new search function and see how simple it is to find your special place on the Honor Wall!



Your Donation Funds Great Veteran Programs

SEE A VETERAN YOU LOVE ON THE
DVNF HONOR WALL

Our wall recognizes individuals whose names are honored through tribute gifts. We thank the donors whose generosity supports our mission to serve disabled and at-risk veterans. Together, we honor their legacy and their impact.

Anthony Sado donated In Honor of

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SIXTH ANNUAL VETERANS RESOURCE FAIR: A POWERFUL DAY OF SUPPORT FOR 318 HEROES



On November 12, 2024, the Disabled Veterans National Foundation proudly hosted its Sixth Annual Veterans Resource Fair in honor of Veterans' Day at the Silver Spring Civic Center in Maryland. This transformative event brought together 318 disabled and at-risk veterans, offering them vital resources and services that pave the way to brighter futures.

With over 50 participating vendors, including the Department of Veterans Affairs, Wounded Warrior Project, AMVETS Career Center, and Move United, the event provided access to a wide range of support services. Veterans received assistance in areas such as healthcare, housing, employment, financial wellness, and adaptive sports. Special features of the day included professional suiting rooms, free haircuts, makeup, and manicures, all aimed at restoring dignity and confidence to our nation's heroes.

Sponsors played a critical role in the event's success. Companies like Walmart, Starbucks, Giant Food, and Olive Garden demonstrated their commitment to veterans by providing meals, snacks, and resources that enhanced the overall experience. Their generosity underscored the importance of community support in making meaningful changes.

DVNF's CEO, Joseph VanFonda, opened the event with a heartfelt welcome, setting the tone for a day filled with connection, encouragement, and gratitude. As veterans walked through the resource fair, they were reminded that they are not alone—that a network of organizations and individuals stand ready to support them in their journey.

This year's fair was not just an event but a powerful reminder of the resilience and courage of those who have served. It was a celebration of their strength and a commitment to honoring their sacrifices by providing them with the tools and opportunities they need to thrive.

A CALL TO ACTION



The mission continues. Join us in supporting events like this by visiting our website to learn how you can contribute, volunteer, or sponsor future initiatives. Together, we can create lasting change in the lives of America's veterans.



With heartfelt gratitude,

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