LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

Thank you for taking a look at our 2016 Annual Report! This was a critical year in the growth and development of the Disabled Veterans National Foundation. In this report, you will see the scope of our work, and our dedication to serving American heroes of all walks of life.

In 2016, DVNF sent 17 shipments of our Health & Comfort supplies to stand downs and other events around the country. By sending items like basic hygiene necessities, clothing, and so much more, DVNF helps homeless and low-income veterans to alleviate some of their financial strain. This also helps bring these veterans who are in need to the stand down events in the first place. There, they can receive many of the other critical services they need, from health screenings to casework, and everything in between.

DVNF also built vital partnerships through our Capacity Building Grants program. 32 organizations were supported in 2016, and this has substantially benefitted thousands of veterans. Funding programs like recreational therapy, art therapy, yoga, and other unique approaches to combatting mental stress has given countless veterans a new outlook on life. These grants will also better equip our partner organizations with resources to continue growing their important programs, and we’re proud to be a part of what they’re doing in their respective communities.

We are pleased with how 2016 progressed, and look forward to even more great things in 2017. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we are able to keep making such a vital difference around the country, and we thank all of our supporters for their commitment to giving back to our veterans.

Benny Bachand
President
Disabled Veterans National Foundation

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2) NEW WEBSITE

In this modernization effort, we felt it was time to improve our website. We want to make it more interactive, user-friendly, and much easier to navigate. We’re doing this because we want veterans in search of information and resources to be able to access it effortlessly. We also want to tell our story better when donors and advocates visit our site. We think it is important for people to know the struggles and the successes of veterans who have stood in our defense.

3) ENHANCED PROGRAMS

The Foundation’s programs work to provide critically needed support to disabled veterans as they strive to achieve economic security and access mental and physical wellness services. The Capacity Building grants enable program partners to increase impact on among the communities being served. In 2016 DVNF funded 32 program partners, and anticipates supporting approximately 60 organizations across the nation in 2017.

The Health and Comfort Program provides Comfort Kits to partner organizations, which contain a variety of items that can be used to alleviate the challenges associated with homelessness. In 2016 DVNF impacted 10,000 veterans. It is our hope to reach 40,000 veterans in 2017.

In 2017 the Foundation hopes to launch two new programs, Technical Assistance Grants and the Homelessness to Housing program. These programs will increase the impact DVNF is making, but also develop a national coalition of nonprofit organizations dedicated to eradicating veteran homelessness and helping disabled veterans achieve economic security.
The Disabled Veterans National Foundation (DVNF) exists to provide critically needed support to disabled and at-risk veterans who leave the military wounded—physically or psychologically—after defending our safety and our freedom.

We achieve this mission by:

- Offering direct financial support to veteran organizations that address the unique needs of veterans, and whose missions align with that of DVNF.
- Providing supplemental assistance to homeless and low-income veterans through the Health & Comfort program.
- Providing an online resource database that allows veterans to navigate the complex process of seeking resources.
- Serving as a thought leader on critical policy issues within the veteran community.

A willingness to defend our nation and put everything on the line is a heroic act and the Disabled Veterans National Foundation envisions a nation where no hero is forgotten or left homeless or suffering from a disability.

DVNF is taking a different approach to serving our veterans by looking at the bigger picture. We have focused our efforts on two priority areas that are crucial to ensuring our veterans are taken care of.

Although combat has decreased dramatically in recent years, veterans are coming home with heavy hearts and busy minds. Some can transition to civilian life effectively but, for thousands of veterans, this isn’t the case.

Lasting impacts of combat, or traumatic experiences from their military service continue for years. With 22 veterans on average taking their own lives every day, it’s our goal to ensure these men and women don’t feel left behind.
OUR IMPACT IN 2016

HEALTH AND COMFORT

5,800+
estimated number of veterans who received assistance through the Health & Comfort program

$1,944,496.35
total value of goods sent to veterans

5,500+
Comfort Kits were provided to low-income and homeless veterans

17 PROGRAM PARTNERS
received Health & Comfort items (including: clothing, hygiene product, blankets and delivered to stand downs and free stores)

15 STATES
received support from the Health & Comfort program

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HEALTH AND COMFORT

The Disabled Veterans National Foundation delivers immediate impact and relief through the Health and Comfort Program. As a leader in the veteran community, DVNF understands the importance of urgency as our veterans struggle to gain access to resources needed to get through the day.

The Health and Comfort program serves low-income and homeless populations across the United States that demonstrate a high need—within the veteran community. DVNF provides Comfort Kits including items such as: first aid kits, hygiene items, clothing, shoes, emergency blankets and more.

To learn more or donate to our Health and Comfort program, please visit www.dvnf.org.

2016 PROGRAM PARTNERS & EVENTS

Washington, DC VAMC – Washington, DC
Jezreel International – Albany, NY
American Legion Mundy-Beck Post 911 – Atlanta, GA
Northeast Florida Women Veterans, Inc. – Jacksonville, FL
Aurora Veterans Advisory Council – Aurora, IL
 Vaughn Respite – Detroit, MI
USO Warrior Week – Virginia Beach, VA
VA Healthcare for Homeless Veterans – Buffalo, NY
National Veterans Wheelchair Games – Salt Lake City, UT
Community Service Council – Tulsa, OK
Yuba Sutter Veterans Stand Down – Marysville, CA
Visually Impaired Veterans Experiencing the Road – Greendale, WI
Operation Stand Down RI – Johnston, RI
Aleda E. Lutz VAMC – Atlanta, MI
The Servant Center – Greensboro, NC
NJ Department of Veterans Affairs – Newark, NJ
Black Hills Healthcare System – Rapid City, SD

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CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAM

25,000+ estimated veterans were impacted by Capacity Building grants

$325,000+ was awarded to aid disabled veterans

32 program partners were awarded grants

18 STATES were impacted through Capacity Building Grants

20% more veterans were impacted than the previous year.

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2016 CAPACITY BUILDING

2016 GRANT RECIPIENTS

21st Century Heroes
– $10,000.00
Jackson, Wyoming

Brain Injury Services of Southwest Virginia
– $8,000.00
Roanoke, Virginia

Center for Life Management
– $10,000.00
Derry, New Hampshire

Chicago Association for Research and Education in Science (CARES)
– $10,000.00
Hines, Illinois

Chicago Park District
– $10,000.00
Chicago, Illinois

Community Rowing, Inc.
– $10,000.00
Brighton, Massachusetts

English River Outfitters
– $10,000.00
Washington, Iowa

The Fenwick Foundation
– $5,000.00
Arlington, Virginia

Happy’s Farm, Inc.
– $8,000.00
Salisbury, North Carolina

Healing Warriors Program
– $10,000.00
Boulder, Colorado

Heart of Horse Sense
– $10,000.00
Marshall, North Carolina

Helios Warriors, Inc.
– $10,000.00
Asheville, North Carolina

ICD-Institute for Career Development
– $8,000.00
New York, New York

Life Through Dance Inc., DBA Robin Becker Dance
– $10,000.00
New York, New York

Military Veterans Legal Services Program
– $10,000.00
Washington, District Of Columbia

Northeast Florida Women Veterans, Inc
– $10,000.00
Jacksonville, Florida

Patton Veterans Project
– $10,000.00
New York, New York

Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing Inc.
– $10,000.00
La Plata, Maryland

Queen of Hearts Therapeutic Riding Center, Inc.
– $10,000.00
Agoura Valley, California

Reining Liberty Ranch
– $5,000.00
Traverse City, Michigan

Resounding Joy Inc
– $10,000.00
San Diego, California

The Right Path Riding Academy Incorporated
– $10,000.00
Drumright, Oklahoma

Soldier Strong
– $18,000.00
San Diego, California

Staying The Course Veteran Services
– $10,000.00
Fort Worth, Texas

Sycamore Lane Therapeutic Riding Center
– $10,000.00
Oregon City, Oregon

United States Veterans Initiative (U.S.VETS)
– $10,000.00
Los Angeles, California

Veterans Coalition of North Central Texas
– $12,000.00
Dallas, Texas

Veterans Healing Veterans from the Inside Out
– $15,000.00
San Quentin, California

Veterans’ Rowing and Kayaking
– $15,000.00
Trumbull, Connecticut

Windrush Farm Therapeutic Equitation, Inc
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“NEVER HAVE I BEEN TO AN EVENT WHERE SUCH THOUGHT WAS PUT INTO WHAT WE (VETERANS) NEED. RECEIVING CHAP STICK, NEW SHOES, A BLANKET—AS WELL AS BUG REPELLENT—WAS SUCH A SHOCK TO ME. I MEAN THESE ARE THE THINGS I NEED. THIS SHOWS THAT SOMEONE IS THINKING ABOUT US; I CAN’T THANK YOU ENOUGH.”
2017 FINANCES

REVENUE

Public Support $25,020,806
Name Rental Revenue 96,186
Total Annual Operating Revenue 25,116,992
Other 178,949
In-Kind Contributions 2,444,675
Total Revenue $27,740,616

EXPENSES

Program Services and Fundraising $24,855,619
Management & General 1,994,367
Total Annual Expenditures 26,849,986
Depreciation 6,456
In-Kind Contributions 2,444,675
Total Expenses $29,301,117
2016 has been an incredible year for the Disabled Veterans National Foundation (DVNF), and I am proud to have been a part of the growth and development for the organization. As we continue to build our programs and the process of fine-tuning our operations, we expect this success to be even greater going forward.

One of our most impactful programs has been the Health & Comfort program. When I came to DVNF, I was blown away by just how important this program is – not only to the veterans we serve – but also to our program partners who depend on DVNF’s shipments of goods. With shipments valued at approximately $1,944,496.35, DVNF assisted over 5,800 veterans with this type of assistance through our Health & Comfort program!

While veteran homelessness is a key focus area for DVNF, so too are mental and physical wellness. An estimated 1 in 5 veterans of all eras suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and/or depression. More than a quarter million OEF/OIF veterans suffer from traumatic brain injury (TBI). DVNF works with many other community organizations providing targeted support to address these focus areas.

Through our Capacity Building grants, Technical Assistance grants, and other important program efforts, DVNF is lending knowledge, collaboration, and funding to support these organizations in executing their missions and improving the services offered to veterans. In 2016, DVNF funded 32 organizations, supporting over 25,000 veterans!

As we celebrate 10 years of the Disabled Veterans National Foundation in 2017, we are more excited by what is to come for the organization going forward. We know that the veterans we serve will continue to have needs in the coming years, and we will be at the forefront of the efforts to support them.

Your support means everything to us, and your commitment to the men and women of our military, past and present, allows us to make a difference in their lives!

Joseph VanFonda (USMC SgtMaj Ret.)
CEO
Disabled Veterans National Foundation
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By becoming a corporate sponsor – your company is aligning itself with an organization providing much needed support to our wounded warriors. To learn more, contact the Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations, John Paruch at jparuch@dvnf.org.

JOIN THE FORCE – BECOME A MONTHLY DONOR

Your recurring gift provides reliable support to the thousands of veterans we serve yearly. To help these wounded warriors, consider becoming a member of the Force Multiplier giving program. Your gift of $20 or more a month can help provide a disabled veteran the mental and physical help needed upon returning home.

TEXT TO GIVE

The Disabled Veterans National Foundation has made it easier for donors to give. No matter where you are across these United States – you can make a donation to us via text. Just message 202-759-0483 – put a dollar amount in the body of the text and we will receive that dollar amount. All donations are tax deductible – so make a donation to support our veterans today!

MAILING LIST

The Disabled Veterans National Foundation prides itself on being a thought leader in the veteran community. To keep up with the latest veteran trends or learn from expert leaders in the veteran community, please subscribe to our mailing list by visiting www.dvnf.org.
THE DISABLED VETERANS NATIONAL FOUNDATION EXISTS TO PROVIDE CRITICALLY NEEDED SUPPORT TO DISABLED AND AT-RISK VETERANS WHO LEAVE THE MILITARY WOUNDED—PHYSICALLY OR PSYCHOLOGICALLY—AFTER DEFENDING OUR SAFETY AND OUR FREEDOM.