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DVNF NEWSLETTER

FEEDING HOPE: HOW DVNF'S VFAP PROGRAM IS CHANGING LIVES — ONE GROCERY BAG AT A TIME

At the start of our 2024 fiscal year, the Disabled Veterans National Foundation (DVNF) launched a bold new initiative: the Veterans Food Assistance Program (VFAP). What began as a vision to fight hunger among disabled and at-risk veterans has rapidly evolved into one of DVNF's most impactful – and fastest-growing– programs to date.

VFAP's mission is simple but powerful: no veteran should have to choose between food and other necessities. And thanks to your support, this mission is becoming a reality.



A Solution with Immediate Impact

VFAP provides grocery assistance (up to one grant/year) for veterans facing food insecurity. From single vets living alone to families with children, the program delivers directly to their door – with dignity, efficiency, and compassion.

Each assistance level is tailored by household size, with funding ranging from $150 for an individual to $500 for a veteran supporting a spouse and multiple children. The DVNF team handles everything – from shopping to shipping, relieving veterans of logistical and financial stress.

These grocery deliveries aren't just bags of food – they're lifelines packed with fresh produce, protein, shelf-stable staples, and even household items like toiletries and cleaning supplies. Everything a family needs to stay fed, clean, and secure.

"I put in for groceries on October 1st... by October 3rd it was approved and delivered the same day. I was overwhelmed. You gave me joy for tomorrow."
— George W., VFAP recipient

A PROGRAM ON THE RISE



These are not just words of gratitude. They are proof that small acts of kindness – backed by your generosity – create life-changing moments.

In just a few short months, VFAP has soared to the forefront of DVNF's direct service programs.

Demand is growing rapidly, with hundreds of applications pouring in from across the nation. In fact, VFAP is on pace to outperform all other DVNF programs in terms of reach and volume–a reflection of just how urgent the need is.

Food insecurity remains one of the most common and painful struggles for veterans, particularly those navigating disability, unemployment, or transitional housing. VFAP is stepping in to fill the gap with compassion and action.

"The groceries were beyond what I expected. I finally had the chance to cook real meals again. You helped restore my sense of control."
— Melissa R., Navy veteran and mother of two

THANK YOU FOR MAKING THIS POSSIBLE

To our donors, corporate sponsors, and supporters across the country: this is your impact. Every Comfort Kit, every grocery delivery, every note of thanks – we owe it to you.

A special thank you to those who have funded this program from the start. Your belief in our veterans and in DVNF's mission has created a ripple effect of hope from coast to coast.



Keep the Momentum Going

As VFAP continues to grow, we need your help to sustain it. Here's how you can make a difference today:

- $50 provides essential groceries for a single veteran
- $100 helps a veteran parent feed their family for a week
- $500 fills the cart for a household of five
- $2,000 sponsors multiple veteran families with everything they need

Every contribution helps put food on the table – and hope in the heart.

Donate or learn more at www.dvnf.org/veteran-food-assistance-program

At DVNF, we believe that feeding a veteran means more than providing groceries. It means restoring dignity, uplifting families, and showing our heroes that we haven't forgotten their sacrifice.



With VFAP, we're not just feeding people – we're feeding possibility.

Thank you for being part of this mission.

HEART AND CODE: THE IMPACTFUL PARTNERSHIP BEHIND DVNF'S DIGITAL MISSION

When you meet Judah Fontz, you instantly feel his purpose – it's more than technology, more than strategy. It's service.

As the Founder and CEO of Datamize, Judah leads one of DVNF's most trusted and innovative strategic partners.
But his story with DVNF is far more than a business relationship – it's a shared mission born from compassion, patriotism, and the desire to make a difference.

Behind the scenes, Judah and his exceptional team at Datamize have quietly revolutionized the way DVNF connects with our supporters. They've built data-driven strategies that enhance our digital outreach and maximize the impact of every dollar donated. Thanks to their innovation and dedication, our digital programs are more responsive, more effective, and more personal than ever before.



Judah at ThriveLive 2025 assembling Comfort Kits for veterans in LA

But Judah doesn't stop at the keyboard. You'll find him and his team on the ground – packing comfort kits, shaking hands, and standing side by side with DVNF staff at Grab N Go events, bringing comfort and support directly to disabled and at-risk veterans. Their hands-on involvement reflects a deep and genuine commitment to those who served.

With experience in both nonprofit work and the ever-evolving tech world, Judah's leadership gives DVNF a powerful edge. His vision helps us grow beyond limits, engage supporters more deeply, and ensure that our message of hope reaches every corner of the country.

Judah Fontz and the Datamize team remind us that service takes many forms – and when heart meets innovation, the impact is unstoppable.

From all of us at DVNF: thank you, Judah. Your mission is truly possible.

Serving Those Who Served: DVNF's Season of Impact

At the Disabled Veterans National Foundation (DVNF), we walk the walk – honoring our veterans through heartfelt actions. As 2025 draws to a close and 2026 begins, we're proud to present a season of outreach that brings comfort, dignity, and hope to disabled and at-risk veterans across the nation. These events are powered by passionate donors and partners who believe in us – and in them.

October 23, 2025
Pack-Out at ADAF Smile-Con | Washington, D.C.
Walter E. Washington Convention Center

We're thrilled to partner with the American Dental Association Foundation (ADAF) during their 2025 SmileCon conference – the dental profession's premier gathering (ada.org). Volunteers will pack 500 enhanced Comfort Kits, each featuring essential dental hygiene items generously donated by ADAF. These kits symbolize our commitment to respect, wellness, and the power of caring touches.

November 10, 2025
DVNF Annual Veterans Resource Fair | Silver Spring, MD
DoubleTree by Hilton, 8777 Georgia Ave | 9 AM–5 PM EST

This flagship event serves hundreds of veterans with the Comfort Kits from SmileCon, alongside critical services like benefits guidance, health screenings, job support, and housing resources. It's a day that transforms community needs into shared strength.

December 4, 2025
Grab N' Go Event – Reno, Nevada
Reno VA Medical Center, 975 Kirman Ave | 9 AM–5 PM PST

DVNF heads west, delivering 500 Comfort Kits and hot lunches at the Reno VA Medical Center. Just in time for the holidays, this event brings warmth and encouragement to veterans during this reflective season.

March 5, 2026
Grab N' Go Event – Omaha, Nebraska
Nebraska VA Medical Center, 4101 Woolworth Ave | 9 AM–5 PM CST

We begin 2026 in Omaha, distributing 500 kits and meals at the Nebraska VA. It's the continuation of our mission – bringing essential care and connection to veterans regardless of location.

Thank You from the Heart

To our donors, corporate sponsors, and community partners, your generosity is the fuel behind each kit packed, meal served, and smile restored.

A special thank-you to the American Dental Association Foundation for their SmileCon collaboration, and to the VA Medical Centers in Reno and Omaha for graciously hosting our events.

These programs are more than events – they're lifelines. They remind veterans they matter, they're seen, and their service is honored – in actions and in spirit.

Want to volunteer, sponsor, or spread the word? Visit www.dvnf.org to join us.

THE OMP PODCAST: WHERE SERVICE MEETS SUPPORT



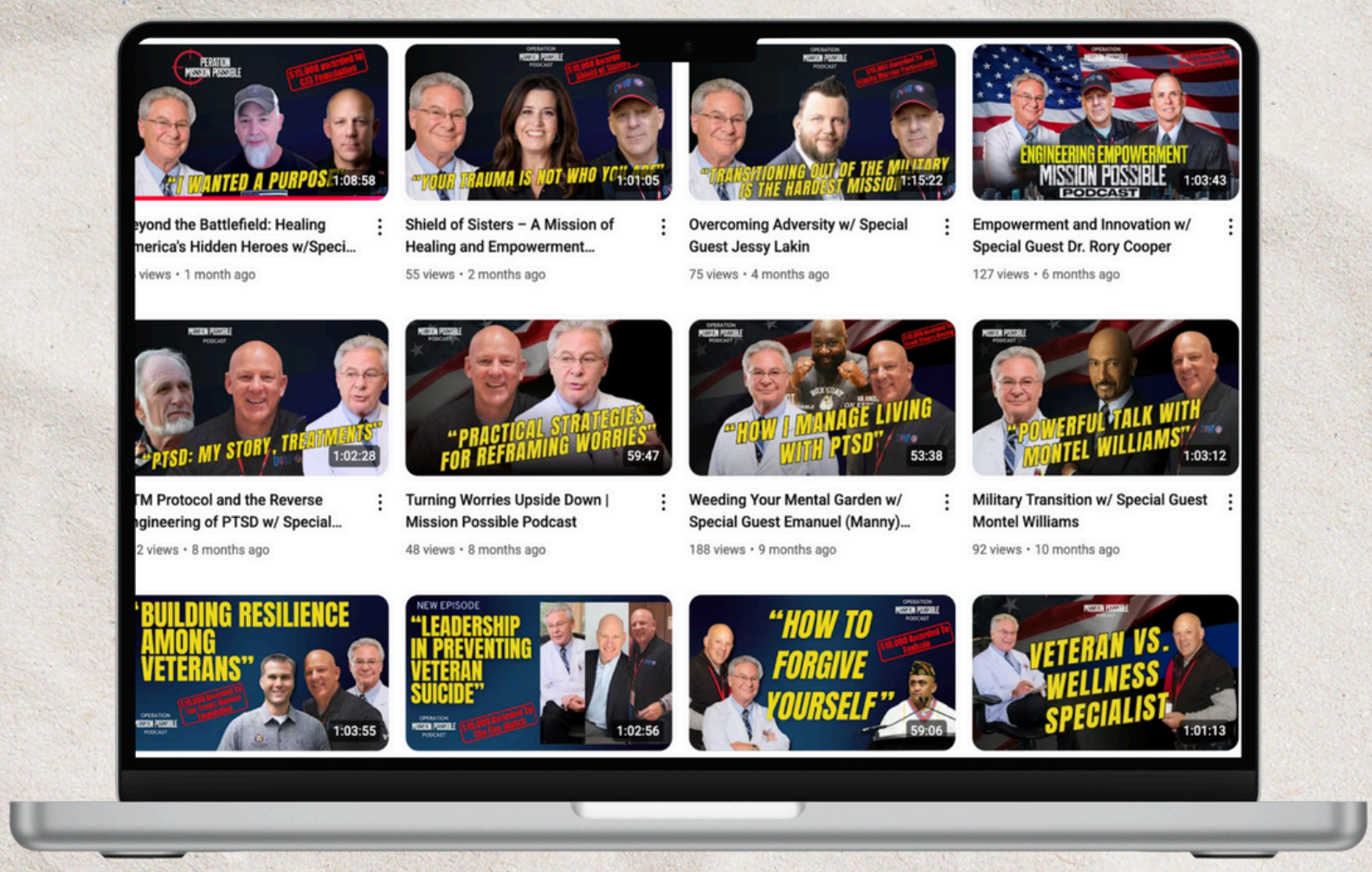
At the Disabled Veterans National Foundation (DVNF), we don't just feature great stories – we help write the next chapter

The Operation Mission Possible (OMP) Podcast, hosted by DVNF CEO and USMC SgtMaj (Ret.) Joseph VanFonda and mind-body medicine expert Dr. Marty Rossman, gives voice to nonprofits making a difference in the lives of disabled and at-risk veterans.

Each guest shares how their mission is changing lives – and if selected, their organization may receive up to $25,000 in DVNF Health & Comfort services to continue that work. Because at DVNF, we believe talk is powerful – but action is impact.

Listen. Watch. Be inspired. Join the mission.

Available now on YouTube and Spotify/Apple Podcasts.



REAL GUESTS, REAL AWARDS

We don't just talk about mission – we reward it.
Here are a few of our recent OMP guests who received surprise awards:

- CJ3 Foundation – Awarded $15,000 in Comfort Kits and GPS support for their dedication to veterans and first responders battling PTSD and TBI.
- Foxhole Veterans Organization – Received $10,000 in support of providing the training gear needed for veterans that participate in martial arts training.
- The Fire Watch – Awarded $10,000 in GPS and MP support to expand their life-saving suicide prevention efforts across Florida

These awards were presented unexpectedly during their episode recordings – a meaningful way to recognize those who serve with compassion, innovation, and heart.

DVNF Health & Comfort Programs

All OMP Podcast awards are drawn from our direct service programs that help veterans in practical, life-changing ways:

- Veterans Food Assistance Program (VFAP) – Delivers grocery support directly to food-insecure veterans and families using online shopping platforms.
- Homeless to Housing (H2H) – Provides up to $2,000 to help veterans transition from homelessness to permanent housing, including essential household goods.
- Grants to Provide Stability (GPS) – Offers up to $1,000 in emergency funds for housing, transportation, or utility bills to keep veterans stable and independent.
- Mission Possible (MP) – An online platform offering stress-reducing tools and mind-body wellness programs for veterans and caregivers.
- Comfort Kits – Hygiene and personal care packages distributed nationwide through Veteran Standdowns, shelters, VA hospitals, and community outreach.

Each of these programs exists to provide real support to real people – and we're inviting like-minded nonprofits to join the movement.

APPLY TO BE A GUEST

Are you part of an organization creating change for veterans?
Apply to be our next guest on the OMP Podcast by visiting www.dvnf.org/podcast.
It takes just a few minutes to complete the form.
If selected:

- You'll be interviewed in a 1-hour recorded session.
- You'll need a working camera and microphone.
- You may receive up to $25,000 in DVNF support.

OPERATION MISSION POSSIBLE

Because at DVNF, we don't just believe in your mission –
we believe your mission is possible.

BECAUSE THEY STILL NEED YOU: CREATE A LEGACY OF LOVE – AT NO COST TO YOU

You've spent your life giving to others. Helping where you could. Standing up for what matters.
Now, there's a way for your compassion to carry on – long after you're gone—and it costs you nothing today.

The Disabled Veterans National Foundation is proud to offer our Free Planned Giving platform, a secure and simple tool that allows you to create a legally valid will online in just minutes. Whether you're updating your current plans or creating your first will, this platform makes it easy to leave a gift that reflects your values and continues your legacy of generosity.

By including DVNF in your estate plans, you'll be standing beside our nation's heroes in a deeply meaningful way – providing:

- **Warm meals and groceries** through our Veterans Food Assistance Program (VFAP)
- **Rental and utility support** through our Grants to Provide Stability (GPS)
- **Essential items for daily living** through our Comfort Kit and Grab-N-Go Programs
- **Support for homeless veterans** through our Homeless to Housing (H2H) initiative

Your legacy can help a veteran transition from crisis to stability, from hunger to health, from isolation to dignity.
And the best part? You don't need to be wealthy to make an incredible impact. Whether your gift is large or small, it becomes part of something much bigger – a wave of hope for veterans who still need you.
Here's what your legacy could look like:

- A veteran opens their pantry and finds food – because of you.
- A struggling family stays in their home – because of you.
- A lonely veteran receives comfort and care – because of you.

You have the power to give them all this. And more.
The platform is completely free, private, and easy to use.
There are no fees, no obligations, and no pressure – just a meaningful opportunity to give back in a way that truly lasts.

Start your legacy today at **dvnf.plannedgiving.org** or call us at (202) 737-0522

Because while your gifts today make a difference...
Your legacy can change lives forever.

