

Our DVNF Annual Veterans Resource Fair

Every year, the Disabled Veterans National Foundation hosts its Annual Resource Fair with one mission at heart: to honor the men and women who served our nation by showing up for them—with dignity, compassion, and unwavering commitment.

This year was no exception. In fact, it was a powerful reminder of what is possible when a community stands united for our veterans.

Thanks to the extraordinary generosity of the ADA Foundation and Henry Schein, DVNF proudly distributed 500 Comfort Kits, enhanced with essential dental hygiene supplies, ensuring that every veteran who walked through our doors left feeling seen, supported, and valued. Their partnership represents more than a sponsorship, it's a statement of shared purpose and a demonstration of what can be achieved when organizations work together to uplift those who once bore the weight of our nation's defense.

As I stood at the entrance greeting each veteran, shaking hands, hearing their stories, and sharing moments of connection, I was reminded why this work matters. Some arrived seeking resources. Others sought hope. Many simply needed to know that someone still cares. And because of the dedication of our volunteers, staff, partners, and sponsors, every veteran found exactly that.

This Impact Report reflects more than an event; it reflects a community in action. It captures the compassion of more than 70 resource providers, the commitment of our partners, and the strength of veterans who continue to persevere through challenges seen and unseen.

To the ADA Foundation and Henry Schein, thank you for standing with us.

To our volunteers and staff, thank you for pouring your hearts into this mission.

And to our veterans, you are the reason we serve, and it is our honor to walk beside you.

With deep appreciation,

Joseph E. VanFonda, SgtMaj USMC (Ret.)

Chief Executive Officer

Disabled Veterans National Foundation (DVNF)



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Uniting Efforts to Serve Veterans with Dignity

At SmileCon 2025, the Disabled Veterans National Foundation (DVNF) advanced its mission of providing dignity, compassion, and meaningful support to veterans, this time through a large-scale Comfort Kit pack-out event in Washington, D.C. Just a few weeks later, DVNF continued that momentum at its annual Veterans Resource Fair in Silver Spring, bringing together essential services, personalized assistance, and a collaborative network of partners dedicated to honoring those who have served.

Building on last year's successful partnership with the ADA Foundation at SmileCon in New Orleans, DVNF strengthened its presence and impact across both events, demonstrating once again that veterans' sacrifices are recognized, remembered, and valued.



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A Collective Effort to Serve Those Who Served

The Veterans Resource Fair was designed as a one-stop hub where veterans could access meaningful resources, benefits, and supportive services—all under one roof. The event brought together more than 70 resource providers and over 10 sponsors, creating a coordinated network of care that addressed immediate needs and long-term wellbeing.

Veterans received direct on-site services including medical checks, free haircuts and grooming, professional men and women's work clothing, manicures, food distribution, and DVNF Comfort Kits with hygiene and comfort products. Dedicated DVNF staff and volunteers guiding veterans through registration, on-site navigation, and personalized support across the venue.

Beyond these immediate services, veterans were connected with providers specializing in healthcare, mental health, employment, training, financial and legal assistance, housing support, and community engagement programs. This comprehensive structure ensured that every veteran who walked in was met with dignity, compassion, and actionable help.

DVNF is grateful to the ADA Foundation for its continued partnership, not only at this year's SmileCon Comfort Kit pack-out and Resource Fair, but also for last year's collaboration at SmileCon 2024 in New Orleans during the Give Veterans a Smile initiative. This ongoing alliance reflects a shared mission to uplift veterans nationwide.

In total, hundreds of veterans were supported through dozens of on-site services and a deeply unified community effort. From DVNF staff to volunteers and vendor partners, every participant played a vital role in delivering a meaningful and dignified experience for the veterans we proudly serve.





Continuing the Mission

As DVNF reflects on the success of this year's Resource Fair, we remain dedicated to continuing this essential work. With the support of our partners, especially the ADA Foundation, we will keep building opportunities, creating access, and delivering compassion to the veterans who have served us all.

Thank you for believing in this mission and helping us make a difference, one veteran at a time.

With heartfelt appreciation,
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