



# NEWSLETTER

## OUR ANNUAL VETERANS RESOURCE FAIR CONTINUES TO GROW, YEAR AFTER YEAR...



On November 10th in Springfield, Maryland, the Disabled Veterans National Foundation once again witnessed the power of community in action. With the support of more than 29 dedicated volunteers and vendor partners, we proudly served over 385 registered veterans, along with more than 60 walk-in veterans who sought immediate assistance. This incredible turnout reflects the growing reach of our mission and the unwavering commitment of those who stand beside DVNF to ensure our Disabled and At-Risk Veterans are supported with dignity, respect, and compassion.





You will see smiles shared between volunteers and veterans, the quiet understanding that comes when someone finally feels seen, supported, and valued.

You will see **Comfort Kits** being handed out with care, each one filled with essential hygiene and daily-care items that help restore a sense of stability for those going through difficult times.



You will see veterans receiving haircuts and basic manicures, small gestures that provide a moment of normalcy, self-care, and renewed confidence.

You will see **hot meals, gift cards, raffle prizes, and warm conversations** – acts of kindness that may seem simple, but to a veteran facing uncertainty, they can mean everything.



Our Annual Resource Fair continues to grow because the need continues to grow. But so does the compassion of our supporters, partners, volunteers, and community.

This event is more than a gathering, it's a lifeline. A safe place. A reminder that no veteran should ever feel forgotten or alone.

You will see **veterans connected with employment, housing, and financial resources**, many taking their first steps toward a more secure and hopeful future. And woven into every image is something deeper: Strength, Resilience, Gratitude and the unbreakable bond shared by those who have served.



Real Veterans. Real Impact.  
And together – with your support – we will continue to make that impact, year after year, one veteran at a time.

# WHEN SERVICE MEETS PURPOSE: HONORING THE JANES TEAM FOR THEIR DEDICATION TO OUR VETERANS



Every year at the DVNF Annual Resource Fair, the doors open, the line forms, and hundreds of veterans step forward – some hopeful, some burdened, all deserving of support. And every year, standing ready to greet them with genuine compassion, is the remarkable volunteer team from **Janes**.

This group doesn't just volunteer. They show up with heart. They bring energy, respect, and a level of care that our veterans feel from the moment they enter the room.

Leading the effort is **Sam Emmerling**, whose work in global intelligence and threat analysis couldn't be more different from handing out resources and sharing conversations with veterans – and yet, Sam brings the same unwavering sense of duty to both.

Alongside him were **Shelby Arnold, Gary Scofield, Nick Van Zandt, and Tom Sweatman**, supported by **COO Seth Drewry and Meredith Rotten**. Together, they formed a team defined by professionalism, humility, and the kind of kindness that leaves a lasting impression.

What makes Janes special isn't their prestigious roles or their world-renowned expertise in defense intelligence, it's their willingness to slow down, connect one-on-one, and remind every veteran that they matter. Their presence was steady. Their commitment was real. And their impact was undeniable.

Each veteran who walked through the fair was met with not just resources, but **respect and dignity**, the kind of support that can't be measured but is always remembered.

On behalf of the Disabled Veterans National Foundation, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to Sam and the entire Janes team. Your continued dedication honors the spirit of military service and strengthens the bond between those who defend our nation and the communities that stand behind them.

**Thank you for serving our veterans with purpose, compassion, and heart.** We look forward to welcoming you back next year.

# ENHANCED HONOR WALL EXPERIENCE (COMING SOON)

Your Donation Funds Great Veteran Programs

Bonnie Hamilton donated In Memory of

# James Hamilton

Coast Guard

WE WILL ALWAY REMEMBER JAMES! HIS BOOMING LOVE OF HIS FELLOW COASTIES WAS WELL KNOWN. FAIR SEAS OLD FRIEND!

~THE SKEL CREW ~

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.

The DVNF Honor Wall is available to any donor who wants to honor a veteran.

And soon, we're introducing an enhanced, custom Honor Wall experience with expanded design options.

Monthly donors (our Force Multipliers) will receive early access and upgraded features when it launches, as a thank-you for their steady support.

# OUR CEO LEADS FROM THE FRONT

As a retired U.S. Marine Corps Sergeant Major and CEO of DVNF, Joseph VanFonda's leadership reflects a lifelong standard of serving his country and the veterans within it. At every Resource Fair, Grab-N-Go event, and outreach mission, Joe and the rest of the DVNF team stand among the veterans we serve, sharing moments of understanding, and offering reassurance through respect and attention.

This is leadership defined by integrity, consistency, and authenticity.

Under this guidance, DVNF's Health & Comfort Programs have grown into a strong and reliable support network, providing essential hygiene items, work attire, food, housing assistance, financial stability, and other meaningful support to thousands of veterans across the country.

But impact has never been measured solely in numbers. It is measured in people. One veteran at a time. One experience at a time.

Wherever DVNF serves, the message is clear and steady: veterans are met with respect, partnership, and real support.

Because at DVNF, impact is not only found in what we provide, it's built through trust, connection, and shared purpose.



## DR. MARTIN “MARTY” ROSSMAN: HEALER, WRITER, PIONEER



Dr. Marty Rossman plays a central role in bringing DVNF's Mission Possible program to life. As a pioneer in mind-body medicine, his work helps veterans and first responders develop practical tools to manage stress, strengthen resilience, and regain balance through simple, evidence-based techniques. Mission Possible reflects his belief that personal challenges can be addressed with clarity, discipline, and the right mindset. Please visit to learn more: <https://www.dvnf.org/mind-body-spirit-course/>

Dr. Rossman also serves as the co-host of the Operation Mission Possible (OMP) Podcast alongside the DVNF CEO. The podcast highlights like-minded organizations from across the United States that are actively serving veterans in meaningful ways. Each episode provides guests with a platform to share their mission, their story, and the real impact they are making within the veteran community.

The OMP Podcast is more than a conversation, it's a force multiplier for collaboration and recognition. Every guest organization is honored with an Impact Award to help further their mission, with awards ranging from \$10,000 to \$25,000. Register to be a guest at: <https://www.dvnf.org/podcast/#beaguest>

Through both Mission Possible and the OMP Podcast, Dr. Rossman helps bridge leadership, service, and purpose—supporting veterans while strengthening the organizations that stand beside them.

# A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS, VOLUNTEERS, SPONSORS AND THE DVNF STAFF

To everyone who stands with the Disabled Veterans National Foundation – thank you.

## Our impact is real because of YOU!

To our donors:

Your generosity is more than a contribution – it is a lifeline. You help a veteran feel seen, valued, and supported at the very moment they need it most.

To our volunteers:

Your hands serve, but it is your heart that heals. The kindness you show changes lives in ways you may never fully witness, but our veterans feel it deeply.

To our sponsors and partners:

Your commitment fuels hope. You step forward when others step back, and together we create opportunities that restore dignity and stability for those who once defended ours.

And to the DVNF staff. – the heartbeat of this mission:

Your passion, resilience, and unwavering dedication are the reason veterans trust us. You turn compassion into action, and action into impact.

Every meal provided, every Comfort Kit delivered, every veteran embraced with respect –

It all begins with you.

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for standing with DVNF... and for standing with our veterans.

**Together, we change lives.**

