



NEWSLETTER

STANDING ALONGSIDE OUR NATION'S WARRIORS



As part of the Disabled Veterans National Foundation's ongoing commitment to supporting members of the Armed Forces, DVNF was proud to attend and actively assist at the **USMC and USAF Warrior Games Trials** held at Camp Pendleton in Oceanside, California.

This extraordinary event brought together more than **200 active-duty service members and Veterans** -each one a testament to resilience, discipline, and the unbreakable spirit of those who serve.

These athletes were not just competing - they were fighting for a place among the elite. Only 40 individuals will ultimately be selected to represent their respective branches at the Warrior Games this June in San Antonio, Texas. But beyond the competition, what stood out most was something far greater than winning. It was the Atmosphere. Electric, Focused and Unbreakably strong

Every event, every moment, and every interaction told a story of perseverance. Individuals who refused to be defined by injury or adversity but instead chose to rise above it.



DVNF was honored to stand shoulder to shoulder with these warriors. Supporting, encouraging, and witnessing firsthand the strength that defines our nation's military community was truly inspirational.

Events like Warrior Games Trials remind us all of a powerful truth: The Mission doesn't end when the uniform comes off. It evolves.



And through programs, partnerships, and moments like these, **DVNF remains dedicated to ensuring that every veteran has the support they need to continue that mission with strength, dignity, and purpose.**

VETERAN FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (VFAP) MORE THAN FOOD - A LIFELINE WHEN IT MATTERS MOST



Every day across this country, veterans face a battle most people never see. It happens quietly, at kitchen tables, in empty pantries, and in the hearts of parents asking themselves one question: *“How am I going to provide for my family?”*

The Veterans Food Assistance Program (VFAP) exists for exactly that moment.

For Taylor, an Army veteran and mother, that moment came when there was nowhere left to turn. No family to call, no emergency loan, just uncertainty and children depending on her. Within a day of applying, groceries arrived at her door. But the real impact came after. After the bags were unpacked and the shelves were filled, Taylor stood in her kitchen and cried.

“I don’t know how I would’ve made it without them. My kids are happy. I am happy.”

She described the program simply: *“Excellent through and through.”*

For Air Force veteran Joseph, the challenge was both physical and financial. After losing mobility and investing everything into making his home accessible, food became uncertain. VFAP helped when he needed it most.

“It felt like the program was designed with the actual needs of disabled veterans in mind.”

Marine Corps veteran Manuel knows the weight of providing for a family.

“I know I’ll have food in my house and not worry about feeding my family.”

That relief, he said, *“took a lot of weight off my shoulders.”*

For one Navy veteran and parent, everything hit at once. No food, no paycheck, winter storms, and no heat.

VFAP responded immediately. When groceries arrived, their children's reaction said it all. *"My babies were so happy... I cried my eyes out."*



This is the impact of **VFAP**. It's more than food, it's relief, dignity, and hope delivered exactly when it's needed most.

To our supporters, this impact is only possible because of you. Because of you, a mother didn't have to wonder how she would feed her children. Because of you, a veteran found stability instead of fear. Because of you, families are making it through their hardest moments.

Your generosity turns uncertainty into hope, and empty kitchens into moments of relief. On behalf of every veteran and family served through VFAP - **thank you.**

MISSION POSSIBLE REACHES 5,000 STRONG A GROWING COMMUNITY OF RESILIENCE

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The **Disabled Veterans National Foundation (DVNF)** is proud to celebrate a powerful milestone.

The **Mission Possible: Mind. Body. Spirit.** program has officially surpassed **5,000** registered participants.

What began as a vision to provide meaningful mental wellness support has grown into a thriving community of veterans, first responders, and family members who are choosing strength, resilience, and hope.

Guided through **seven transformative missions**, participants learn proven mind-body skills that help quiet the mind, strengthen perspective, and restore balance. The program was developed in collaboration with **Dr. Marty Rossman**, a nationally recognized pioneer in mind-body medicine, bringing more than **five decades of experience** directly to those who serve.

Reaching **5,000 participants** represents far more than a number, it represents thousands of individuals taking steps toward healthier minds, stronger families, and renewed purpose.

Thanks to the generosity of **DVNF supporters and donors**, the Mission Possible program remains **completely free** for veterans, first responders, and their loved ones.

At DVNF, we believe one powerful truth:

Life's challenges can be managed and today, more than 5,000 members of our community are proving it every single day.

ONE OF OUR VITAL PARTNERSHIPS

The Disabled Veterans National Foundation (DVNF) is proud to recognize the extraordinary partnership and continued support of **Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. – Pi Upsilon Lambda Chapter**, whose members have stepped forward not once, but twice, to serve veterans through hands-on volunteer action.

During their first volunteer effort with DVNF, the chapter assembled 525 Comfort Kits - each one carefully prepared to provide essential hygiene items and encouragement to disabled and at-risk veterans across the country.

When they returned for a **second volunteer day**, they raised the bar even higher assembling **605 additional Comfort Kits** along with an incredible **3,300 Women's Kits**, helping ensure that women veterans receive the specialized support and dignity they deserve.



These numbers represent far more than supplies. They represent time given, hands extended, and a commitment to service that continues long after the uniform comes off. Through their teamwork and leadership, the Pi Upsilon Lambda Chapter demonstrated exactly what community partnership looks like in action.

Because of volunteers like Alpha Phi Alpha, DVNF can expand the reach of its Health & Comfort Programs, placing essential resources directly into the hands of veterans who need them most.

We are honored to stand alongside the Pi Upsilon Lambda Chapter and grateful for the powerful example they set through service, brotherhood, and impact

FROM SERVICE TO SUPPORT: DELONTÀ HAWKINS CONTINUES THE MISSION



At the Disabled Veterans National Foundation (DVNF), our mission is strengthened by team members who understand service firsthand - like **Delontà Hawkins**, a Navy veteran and valued member of our warehouse team.

Born and raised in Washington, D.C., Delontà graduated from Bell Multicultural High School in 2000 and enlisted in the **United States Navy** just two weeks later. After completing training as a **Cryptologic Technician – Maintenance (CTM)** in Pensacola, Florida, he served in San Diego, later returning to Washington, D.C. to support operations at the Naval Research Laboratory. He completed six years of active duty and finished his service in the Active Reserves at Fort Meade.

Today, as a disabled veteran, Delontà continues serving fellow veterans through **DVNF's Health & Comfort Programs**, helping prepare essential support items distributed nationwide. Married for 23 years and a proud father of four, he describes his role at DVNF as the **most rewarding work of his career** because it allows him to continue serving veterans while supporting the family that has always supported him.

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

To everyone in the DVNF family - thank you.

What we do every day is only possible because of the people standing behind it.

To our donors:

You don't just write a check - you write a chapter in a veterans story. Your generosity arrives at the hardest moments and says, quietly but clearly: *you are not forgotten.*

To our volunteers:

You show up. That sounds simple, but for a veteran who has felt invisible, it is everything. The time you give leaves a mark that lasts long after the day is done.

To our sponsors and partners:

You saw a need and chose to meet it. That kind of commitment doesn't just fund programs - it builds the foundation that veterans can finally and firmly stand on.

And to the DVNF staff:

You are the mission in motion. Every day, you turn care into action and action into something a veteran can hold onto. We don't take that for granted, not for a single day.

Every moment a veteran feels genuinely seen. That's you. All of you.

Thank you for standing with DVNF - and for never letting our veterans stand alone.

Together, we change lives.

