



NEWSLETTER



This year, America proudly celebrates **250 years** of independence, freedom, and resilience, a historic milestone that reminds us of the courage and sacrifice that have shaped our nation since 1776.

At the Disabled Veterans National Foundation (DVNF), this anniversary is especially meaningful. For two and a half centuries, generations of Americans have answered the call to serve, protecting the freedoms we cherish today. Their service reminds us that our nation's strength is built not only on its history, but on its unwavering commitment to those who have defended it.

As we celebrate America's 250th birthday, we also renew our commitment to veterans and their families through DVNF's **Health & Comfort Programs**, providing food assistance, emergency financial support, housing essentials, wellness resources, and Comfort Kits to those facing life's challenges.

We extend our sincere gratitude to our donors, corporate partners, and volunteers whose generosity makes this mission possible. Your support reflects the very spirit that has defined America for 250 years: service, compassion, and community.

Happy 250th Birthday, America. As we honor our nation's past, DVNF remains committed to ensuring that those who served our country receive the support they have earned.

OPERATION MISSION POSSIBLE PODCAST: TURNING CONVERSATIONS INTO ACTION

OPERATION MISSION POSSIBLE PODCAST INVESTS MORE THAN \$47,000 IN VETERAN-LED ORGANIZATIONS

At the Disabled Veterans National Foundation (DVNF), we believe every veteran has a story worth telling, and every story has the power to inspire action. That vision drives the Operation Mission Possible (OMP) Podcast, where veteran leaders and nonprofit partners share ideas, build collaborations, and strengthen the veteran community.

This quarter, DVNF proudly awarded **\$47,000** to two outstanding veteran-led organizations featured on the podcast.



Forged Valor, Co-founded by Colonel John Mayer (Ret.), USMC, received a **\$25,000 OMP Podcast Award** for its work helping veterans rediscover purpose through leadership development, mentorship, and ranch-based experiences.

Slice of Charity, founded by Anthony Suppa, USMC Veteran, received a **\$22,000 award** to support its Veteran Meal Delivery Program, providing nutritious meals to veterans and military families across Long Island.



These awards are possible because of the generosity of our donors, corporate partners, foundations, and volunteers. Your support allows DVNF to invest not only in veterans, but also in like-minded organizations that expand our collective impact.

Interested in sharing your mission? Veteran-serving organizations can apply to be guests on the Operation Mission Possible Podcast at www.dvnf.org/podcast.

MORE THAN JUST GROCERIES: VFAP - RESTORING STABILITY ONE DELIVERY AT A TIME



The photo above captures a recent **Veterans Food Assistance Program** (VFAP) delivery. Fresh produce, milk, meat, pasta, canned goods, and pantry staples transformed an empty kitchen into one filled with opportunity. For this veteran and family, it meant not having to choose between paying bills and putting food on the table.

A kitchen table filled with fresh groceries may look ordinary, but for many disabled and at-risk veterans, it represents relief, dignity, and hope.

Across America, food insecurity continues to affect thousands of veterans. Rising grocery costs, fixed incomes, disabilities, and unexpected hardships have left many struggling to provide healthy meals for themselves and their families.

VFAP was created to meet that need with compassion and efficiency. Through direct home delivery, eligible veterans receive nutritious groceries without the delays or barriers often associated with traditional food assistance. Every order is tailored to the household, ensuring veterans receive the essentials they need when they need them most.

The impact is far beyond a single delivery. Parents can feed their children, seniors no longer must skip meals, and veterans can focus on their health and recovery instead of worrying about an empty refrigerator.

Together, we are proving that when veterans face hardship, they do not stand alone.

GRAB N' GO BRINGS COMFORT AND HOPE TO NASHVILLE VETERANS



On **May 28, 2026**, the Disabled Veterans National Foundation (DVNF) partnered with the Nashville VA Medical Center to serve **more than 500 veterans** during a special Grab N' Go outreach event.

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, corporate sponsors, volunteers, and VA partners, each veteran received a DVNF Comfort Kit filled with essential items, a warm meal, a beverage, a \$25 Visa gift card, and a practical giveaway item.

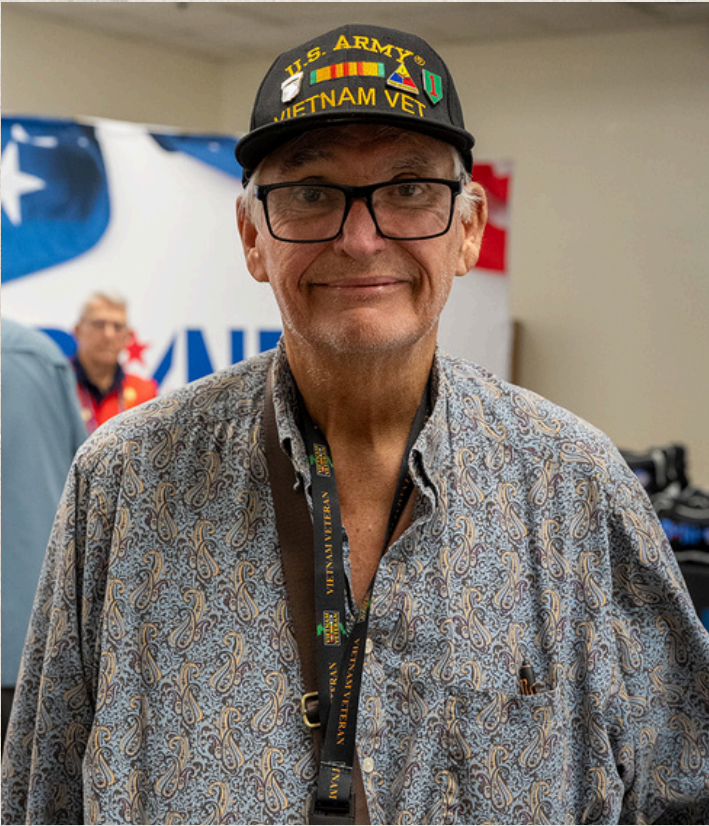
Beyond immediate support, veterans also learned about DVNF's Health & Comfort Programs, including the Veterans Food Assistance Program (VFAP), Grants to Provide Stability (GPS), Homeless to Housing (H2H), and Mission Possible, ensuring they know where to turn when future challenges arise.

Events like Nashville's Grab N' Go are about more than distributing supplies. They are about restoring dignity, building connections, and reminding veterans that they are never forgotten.



**OVER 500
VETERANS SERVED**

- ★ 500 Comfort Kits distributed
- ★ Warm meals and beverages
- ★ \$25 Visa gift card for each veteran
- ★ Swag items
- ★ Information on DVNF's Health & Comfort Programs



DVNF HONORS AMERICA’S FINEST AT THE 2026 WARRIOR GAMES

The Disabled Veterans National Foundation (DVNF) was proud to support the **2026 Warrior Games in San Antonio**, where nearly 200 wounded, ill, and injured service members came together to showcase the strength of recovery through adaptive sports.

Representing the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Special Operations Forces, these remarkable athletes competed with determination and resilience. While the competition was fierce, the true victory was found in the courage, camaraderie, and perseverance displayed by every participant.

Representing DVNF was **John Paruch, Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations**, who had the privilege of meeting many of these inspiring warriors.



As a small token of appreciation for their service and sacrifice, DVNF presented each athlete with a \$25 Visa gift card to help make their time in San Antonio even more enjoyable.

The support of families, volunteers, and sponsors helped make the Games a memorable celebration of healing and achievement. Events like the Warrior Games remind us that recovery is strengthened through community, encouragement, and opportunity.



**THANK
YOU**

to the athletes, families, volunteers,
and sponsors who made the 2026
Warrior Games an unforgettable
experience.

HONORING A LEGACY OF SERVICE



TISH’S BOARD SERVICE TIMELINE

- ★ **2014-2016**
Tish joined the DVNF Board in 2014 and served a 2-year term.
- ★ **2017-2018**
She took a break from the Board.
- ★ **2019-2026**
Tish returned in 2019 and has faithfully served on the Board until 2026.

The Disabled Veterans National Foundation (DVNF) proudly recognizes Tashawnya "Tish" Di Leo for her years of dedicated service on the DVNF Board of Directors.

Tish's commitment to veterans has been unwavering throughout her time on the Board. Her leadership, strategic insight, and steadfast devotion have strengthened DVNF's mission and helped ensure that veterans and their families receive the care, resources, and support they deserve.

A retired Army Combat Veteran, Tish has spent her post-military career serving veterans and their families, earning national recognition in behavioral health, peer support, and suicide prevention through her work with Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and other veteran-focused organizations. As DVNF's Board Treasurer, she paired financial stewardship with compassionate advocacy, helping shape programs that deliver food assistance, emergency financial support, housing essentials, and wellness resources to veterans nationwide. DVNF's Board and staff are deeply grateful for her faithful service and lasting impact.

Thank You
TISH!

Your leadership, dedication, and heart for veterans have made a difference that will last for years to come. We are grateful for you and all you have done for DVNF and the veteran community.



THE FRIENDLY VOICE. THE RELIABLE HEART.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: SHARI

Behind every call, every question, and every act of generosity is a team member who truly cares. At DVNF, that person is **Shari**, our **Donor Service Specialist**.

As the first point of contact for many of our donors, Shari is the friendly voice supporters hear when they call DVNF. Whether answering questions, processing a gift, or simply listening, she brings empathy and professionalism to every conversation.

Shari's impact goes beyond the phone. Behind the scenes, she maintains and reconciles our donor database, keeping our records accurate and secure. Her attention to detail helps us honor every gift, every donor, and every veteran we serve.

With more than **20 years** in the nonprofit sector, Shari brings deep knowledge and a heart for our mission. She is always ready to lend a hand, including on 'Warehouse Days,' when our team assembles Comfort Kits for veterans across the country.

BEYOND DVNF

Outside of work, Shari enjoys wildlife photography, volunteering in her community, and cheering on the Washington Spirit soccer team.



“ I love being part of a mission that makes such a real difference in the lives of veterans. Every donor has a story, and I feel honored to be part of theirs.”
– Shari

WHY SHARI MATTERS

From the first "hello" on the phone to the careful stewardship of our donor data, Shari represents the compassion, integrity, and excellence that define DVNF. She ensures that every connection we make today leads to greater impact for veterans tomorrow.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO

To the whole DVNF family - thank you, as always.

Nothing we do would be possible without the people who stand behind this mission.

To our volunteers:

Your presence speaks louder than words. For veterans who have spent years feeling unseen, a person who freely gives their time is proof that someone cares. What you offer stays with them long after you have gone home.

To our donors:

Your gift is more than a donation. It becomes part of a veteran's story, arriving in their hardest moments with a quiet but powerful message: you are not forgotten.

To our sponsors and partners:

You could have looked away, and instead you leaned in. Your commitment gives our work stability and gives veterans something solid to build their next chapter on.

And to the DVNF staff:

You carry this mission every single day. You take compassion and turn it into meals, kits, answered calls, and open doors. None of it happens without you, and none of it goes unnoticed.

If a veteran somewhere feels seen, valued, and supported today, it is because of the people reading this letter.

Thank you for walking alongside DVNF, and for refusing to let any veteran walk alone.

Let's keep changing lives, together.

