

16th ANNUAL NEWSLETTER

Dale K. Graham Veterans Foundation



The Dale K. Graham Veterans Foundation is grateful for the opportunity to serve veterans and their families, we continue looking for ways to improve our services to ensure our work is available for generations to come. It is easier than ever to start a new or supplemental VA claim on our website, www.dkgvf.org, just click **Start A New Claim**.

We reflect on another year of progress and meaningful impact, and want to express our heartfelt gratitude to our cherished clients, dedicated volunteers, and gracious donors. This year our volunteers have served **20,000+** hours, serving over **5,400** veterans so far this year.

In addition to our veteran claims program, we assist surviving spouses file for DIC benefits, and are able to directly serve and connect veterans with vital resources and financial assistance when in crisis through a grant from Tinker Federal Credit Union Foundation. 2,495 Veterans have requested assistance through our referrals program, and over \$108,000 has gone to aid veterans in financial crisis.

Will you help us reach our goal?

It costs roughly \$175 to serve a veteran. In order to meet our end of the year financial goal, we need to raise an additional **\$300,000.00**. Your donation to the Dale K. Graham Veterans Foundation is a tax deductible donation. Through donations and local grants our Foundation is able to do the work that we do. There are several ways to donate. You can send in a donation using the enclosed remit envelope, with check or credit card, scan the QR code on this letter, or go to www.dkgvf.org and click Donate.

Veterans who served during the Vietnam time frame in some areas of Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, Guam or American Samoa and Johnston Atoll are now presumed to have been exposed to Agent Orange. The PACT Act is going to allow tens of thousands of veterans and their families to become eligible for VA benefits for diseases that are presumptive to exposure to Agent Orange. As an example, if a veteran served during that time frame in one of those locations and one of the presumptive conditions is listed on the veterans Death Certificate the surviving spouse and dependents may qualify for VA survivor benefits. Some of the presumptive conditions are Prostate Cancer, Alchemic Heart Disease, Parkinson's disease along with many others. For a full list of conditions, go to www.va.gov and search presumptive conditions to Agent Orange or search on Google. If you fall into one of these go online and start your claim today!

Funds Needed by Dec 31st 2023

Veterans
Assisted



5,400+



\$300,000

Hours
Volunteered



22,000 + hrs

MORE VETERANS NEED OUR HELP
THAN EVER
PLEASE DONATE IF YOU CAN

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to DONATE



You Can Change the Lives of Veterans

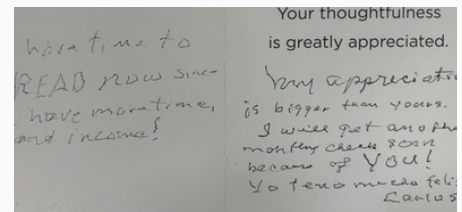
You are the reason for our success

Our work could not be done without the volunteers that selflessly serve at the Foundation. The volunteers at the Dale K. Graham Veterans Foundation dedicate time each week to serving veterans and surviving spouses in Oklahoma and around the globe. If you would like to volunteer your time to help our heroes, please visit our website and fill out an application. Come be a part of something bigger than yourself and you will have your own stories to share, like the story of Charles S.

Charles S. is a 91 year old Navy Veteran who began the claims process in August, 2022. His claim was submitted in October and denied by the VA in March, 2023. In May of 2023, his claim was appealed with new evidence by our appeals team and in June, 2023 he was awarded 30% for hearing loss and received \$6,000 in back pay. His story is just one of the many stories we experience daily at the Foundation. For more stories and testimonies from our clients and volunteers, visit our website and click the story tab. If you would like to share your story, please email colleen@dkgvf.org.

We invite you to join us on Fridays from 8:30-10:00 for our Vet Connect Coffee Socials. We have partnered with the VA and Black Rifle Coffee Company to host a weekly social to support and connect veterans to increase peer to peer support networks, decreasing the risk of suicide.

If you would like to **donate** to keep our mission going, you can fill out the donation envelope, go to dkgvf.org, scan the QR code, or call Colleen at **405-655-5668** to see all of the ways that you can invest in changing the lives of veterans.



"I have more time to read now since I have more time and income!"
-Charles S., 91



WE COULD NOT DO THIS WORK WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT!

THANK YOU!

