

## This is your chance to support US combat veterans in need

VOSH/International (V/I) is delighted to announce that it will collaborate with Everyone for Veterans (E4V) to facilitate access to eye health care to qualifying US returnee combat veterans.

E4V ([www.everyoneforveterans.org](http://www.everyoneforveterans.org)) was founded in 2008 by Dr Theresa Cheng, a retired dentist in Washington state. E4V works through volunteer dentists around the country offering pro-bono dental care to qualifying veterans. Veterans who benefit from E4V support are either unemployed living on veteran benefits, work part-time with no benefits, or work full time at low paying jobs with no benefits; they are not covered by existing medical assistance or live too far from a VA facility and cannot afford to get there. Since its establishment, E4V has worked with almost 500 dentists from 30 states providing needed dental care to low income combat veterans and their families. This support can make a significant difference to these veterans' lives.

The collaboration will focus on offering eye health care to qualifying returnee combat veterans and their families. Interested VOSH chapters and its members are invited to [sign up to volunteer](#) on E4V's website. Veterans requesting optometry care will apply and be screened by E4V which will subsequently introduce them to a V/I volunteer optometrist who has signed up with E4V.



The V/I volunteers will see the veterans at their own practices and at a time convenient to their schedules. Only 1 veteran per year will be assigned to each volunteer. Sometimes, this may involve only one visit.

The veterans will be offered a full eye examination and glasses to improve vision and identify any preventable eye condition. Whenever possible, V/I volunteers are



encouraged to engage their local optical labs to support this cause. V/I may make available some small funds to cover the cost of prescription glasses.

V/I President Dan Twelker, OD, PhD said “In times of COVID-19, perhaps V/I volunteers would be willing to focus their expertise and commitment in providing vision care for those in need at home. This collaboration will make an immediate difference in people’s lives. I encourage practicing V/I doctors to sign up and make this collaboration a success.”

On behalf of E4V, Founder and Executive Director, Theresa Cheng, DDS expressed “We have been aware of this service gap for our veterans for some time and are very grateful for this opportunity.”

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