



Everyone for Veterans

Mission Statement

Mission: To improve the lives of low-income combat veterans through community efforts.

Vision:

- Educate the public on the challenges of low-income combat veterans.
- Assist low-income combat veterans connect with individuals/businesses in their communities for donated services or goods and make a difference in their lives.
- Provide an avenue for everyone to give back to low-income combat veterans through donated services or goods in their communities.

The story of our organization is:

For the last 10 years, all over the country, we helped low-income combat veterans and families find volunteer dentists in their communities to provide free dental care. This originated from wanting to help the family caretakers to helping veterans when we realized that most veterans themselves do not get dental benefits. The connection with local dentists in their local communities have resulted in not just providing limited dental care but comprehensive dental care.

Low-income combat veterans anywhere can fill out an application online at this website. We verify the veteran's status through their military DD214 form and 2 phone interviews. Once they qualify, we connect them to a volunteer dentist in their communities. Currently, we have close to 300 dentists, plus dozens of specialists and dental labs across the United States who have provided volunteer services to over 300 low-income combat veterans around the country donating approximately \$1million in dental services.

Just as we connect dentists to combat veterans, we also connect any community member who wants to give back to veterans who return from combat, with other services and goods in the community through our wingman project, <http://www.everyoneforveterans.org/be-a-wingman.html>. An example of this innovative program is shown in this video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ehw6SfTpBqs>

Our combat veterans can have a long and difficult road back home. We can each contribute something to improve their lives. Although the impact of war and our combat veterans' contributions have moved off the front pages, the need back home is more urgent than ever. Our experience showed us that most individuals and businesses are willing to help some combat veterans sometimes. The missing link between the need and the solution is a user friendly avenue to connect a combat veteran's need to an offered solution -- and that is precisely the aim of Everyone For Veterans.

Operations are 3 parts:

- 1.) Spread the word that we cannot depend on just the Veteran Agencies to heal our veterans. The local population and business community can provide a very effective and necessary role.
- 2.) Verify veteran qualification, requests and process applications
- 3.) Provide an avenue of connection via technological assistance where the qualified combat veterans' needs will appear and individuals and businesses who've signed up will be notified and be able to reach out to the veterans in the community. An App is being developed.

Value:

To come together as a community to heal our combat veterans.

Author and war embedded journalist, Sebastian Junger's hypothesis in his latest book, "Tribe: On Homecoming and Belonging" reinforces the need for local connections. An NPR interview describes this at <http://www.npr.org/2016/05/21/478962909/sebastian-junger-s-examines-veteran-life-after-leaving-tribe>

States where E4V have coordinated dental care services to veterans, to date:

Arizona
California
Iowa
Missouri
Oregon
Tennessee
Texas
Washington
Florida
Idaho
Pennsylvania
Missouri
North Carolina
Michigan

State where E4V have coordinated services to veterans through Wingman Project, to date:

Washington