Veterans’ Families United
Foundation

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**Veterans’ Families United is an all-volunteer organization**

**Mission Statement**

Empowerment of Veterans’ and their Loved Ones in the Healing Process

1. Veterans’ Families United will provide referrals for therapies and/or agencies that serve veterans, their families and loved ones.
2. Veterans’ Families United will offer regular retreats, workshops, seminars, presentations and programs for veterans, their families and loved ones to provide opportunities to share experiences, integrate, grow, heal and form community.
3. Veterans’ Families United will promote an awareness of the true experience of veterans both in war and when they return to their homes and communities and will actively seek to generate improved health care services for veterans, their families and loved ones.
4. Veterans Families United will develop a web site with resources including articles, books, tools for healing, resources, networks, and information of vital interest and service to veterans, their families and loved ones.
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Service Accomplishments – 2022

1) Transportation Assistance to Veterans/Families (Mission#1)

100% of Memorial Donations have been approved for transportation or emergency assistance. Half go to The Oklahoma County Veteran Court Diversion Program and the other half to a one-time $25. emergency financial request to a veteran or family member in the US.

- Veteran Family members to retreats 8
- Partnership with SendARide for OKC VAMC Pilot transportation program 4

Total Represents the Veterans/Families Served 12
Service Accomplishments – 2022, con’t

2) **VFU Web-site** (Mission Item #1, #3 and #4)

- Visits to website (internationally)

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*Goggle Analytics report (3 months had minimal numbers reported due to analytics changes and compatibility to track. Numbers reflect the lowest amount of veterans/families that were reached)*

- Rounded up

3) **Therapeutic Support for Veterans and Families and Awareness of the Experience in war and when they return home (Mission Item #1 and #3)**

- Sponsored Green Shoe Therapeutic Retreats 8
- Published “Unfiltered: An Iraq Veteran and Family Coming Home Story” by Margaret Suman 1500 copies
Service Accomplishments – 2022, con’t

4) **Fund Raisers** (Mission Item #2)

- Selected by GW Construction Company as recipient of the Annual Fishing Tournament proceeds.
- Memorial Page Donations and Tribute to Veterans (including Cody Green Memorial Fund)

5) **Meetings** (Mission Item #3)

- VFU Virtual Board Advisement 1
  (November 2022)

6) **Miscellaneous**

- Quarterly updates to the Website
- Partnership with SendARide and Pilot Project with the OKC VAMC and Hope Community Service (Homeless Veterans)
- Funding of publication of book for veterans/families
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Board Members, Officers and Meetings – 2022

Cynthia L. Collins-Clark, Executive Director
2006 Oklahoma Mother of the Year selected for Veterans Initiatives
Mother of a disabled Iraqi War Veteran, Private Practice Counselor
Elizabeth Dole Foundation 2018-2019 Fellow

James L. Clark, Secretary
Retired teacher
Brother of 2 Vietnam Veterans, Step-dad of OIF disabled Veteran

Joseph S. Collins, Member
Iraq War Veteran, United States Army Reserves

Lt. Col. Brett Crawley, Member
OEF/OIF Veteran, United States Army Reserves

Jennifer Crawley, Member
Wife of OEF/OIF Veteran and VA Employee

Brigadier General Pete Costilow, Member
Oklahoma Army National Guard, Retired
Vietnam Veteran

Irene Costilow, Member
2009 Oklahoma Mother of the Year
Wife of Vietnam Veteran

Danielle Provence, Member
Former wife of 3 time deployed Marine to OEF/OIF, granddaughter of veterans and NP

Stephanie Mines, Ph.D., Member
Founder, The TARA Approach for the Resolution of Shock and Trauma
Daughter of WWII Veteran

Paul Sullivan, Member
Community Member, Father-in-law OEF Veteran

Beki Gibson, Member
Family member (granddaughter, sister and former wife of veterans)
Board Members, Officers and Meetings – 2019, con’t
Former VFU Board Members and Advisors
Who selfless and faithfully served

Grayford H. Chesher (deceased May, 2010)
  Founding VFU Board Member
  Former educator and Korean War Veteran, Navy
  Grandfather of a disabled Iraqi War Veteran

Nelda Ferguson, Ph.D. (deceased Dec., 2011)
  Founding Advisor
  Private Psychologist, Wife of WW II KIA

Sara Green, M.Ed. (Resigned from Board, May, 2011)
  Founding VFU Board Member
  School Counselor
  Daughter of WW II Veteran
  Mother of OEF Veteran, the late and beloved Cody Green

Dorothy Hammert, Member (Resigned from Board, 2016)
  Founding Board Member
  1994 Oklahoma Mother of the Year
  Wife of Korean War Veteran

Walter Hammert, Member (Deceased, Sept. 2015)
  Founding Board Member
  Accountant
  Korean War Veteran

Christi Jones Stringer (Resigned from Board, 2018)
  Founding Board MemberMarketing Development VFU

Connie Fox, Ph.D., LPC, Member (Resigned from Board 2021)
  Founding Board Member 2007
  Past President of the Oklahoma Counseling Association
  Private Practice Counselor

Jack McCallister, Member (Resigned from Board 2021)
  Board Member since 2010
  Vietnam Veteran, Marines

Merradyth McCallister, Member (Resigned from Board 2021)
  Board Member since 2012
  Wife of Vietnam Veteran and Holistic Medicine Advocate
Tax Status

This organization is tax-exempt under section 501©3 of the Internal Revenue Code. It is eligible to receive contributions deductible as charitable donations for federal income tax purposes.

Financial

The following information is based on VFU’s financial statements for the year ending Dec. 31, 2022.

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