

# Veterans' Families United Foundation



## 2022 Annual Report

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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)

2022	Users	Sessions
	16,400	28,110*

**\*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 (November 2022) 1

**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 Member Marketing 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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