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VMF Receives Grant Award from Disabled Veterans National Foundation

Dulles, VA - Veterans Moving Forward, Inc. (VMF) is honored to announce it has received a grant from the Disabled Veterans National Foundation (DVNF) for \$10,000 which will provide funding to acquire, raise, socialize and train puppies to become service dogs for veterans with physical and/or mental health challenges. To serve as many veterans with physical and mental health challenges as possible, Veterans Moving Forward (VMF) Service Dogs in Training (SDITs) not only serve the veteran with whom they are ultimately placed, but also provide animal-assisted therapy services to veterans throughout their training. These services are to veterans at locations such as medical centers, support groups, retirement communities, the USO, and Honor Flight Tours.

“A highly trained service dog can truly transform a veteran with physical and/or mental health challenges,” said Lyn Sherlock, VMF Board Member and Development and Fundraising Chair. “I have seen first-hand the difference these dogs can make in the lives of our veterans.”

“Service dog placement with veterans is one of our biggest priorities due to the drastic improvement in a veteran’s quality of life once placed with a service dog,” said Joseph VanFonda (USMC SgtMaj Ret.), CEO of the Disabled Veterans National Foundation. “We are pleased to partner with VMF, and are excited about the great work they are doing for our veterans.”

About Veterans Moving Forward:

Veterans Moving Forward, Inc (VMF) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit whose mission is to “*provide service dogs and canine therapy services to veterans with physical and mental health challenges at no cost to the veteran,*” whether the illness or injury was acquired during military service or subsequent to honorable service. Founded in 2010, VMF strives to make a meaningful difference in the lives of our Nation’s veterans, and increase their safety and independence within their homes and communities.

For additional information about Veterans Moving Forward, Inc. visit www.vetsfwd.org

About the Disabled Veterans National Foundation:

Disabled Veterans National Foundation exists to provide critically needed support to disabled and at-risk veterans who leave the military wounded – physically or psychologically – after defending our safety and our freedom.

DVNF achieves this mission by:

- Offering direct financial support to veteran organizations that address the unique needs of veterans, and whose missions align with that of DVNF.
- Providing supplemental assistance to homeless and low-income veterans through the Health & Comfort program and various empowerment resources.



- Providing an online resource database that allows veterans to navigate the complex process of seeking benefits that they are entitled to as a result of their military service, as well as additional resources they need.
- Serving as a thought leader on critical policy issues within the veteran community, and educating the public accordingly.