

San Antonio Coalition for Veterans & Families

Our Mission

To support the emergent needs of our Veteran community through leadership, mentoring, and to connect Veterans, their family, caregivers, and survivors with community resources to improve their lives.

Our Vision

To build a robust network of Veteran supporters working together to solve problems quickly & with ease.

Our Story

In 2007, LTC Hector V. Villarreal, a Disabled Vietnam Veteran with a big heart was on a book signing tour for a novel he co-authored titled *“Back from War: Finding Hope and Understanding in Life After Combat.”* He wrote about his, and many other contributors, experiences in combat and how they shaped his life. Enjoying the conversations while talking with thousands of Veterans who appreciated his efforts to remember those who were no longer with us, a pattern emerged. After speaking with over 5,000 Veteran families a sense of frustration, confusion, anger at the system of care that was supposed to ensure their needs were accommodated caused more problems than good. An idea developed to help unite the service providers into working together. Although many supporters thought this was a novel idea, no one felt that it would work. There was too much competition, and no one wanted to think of helping Veterans as a united effort. It was in this chaos that he founded the San Antonio Coalition for Veterans; and in 2013 transformed it to the San Antonio Coalition for Veterans and Families (SACVF).



SACVF is a 501(C)(3) non-profit organization whose goal is to ensure the needs of our past, present, and future Servicemembers, Veterans, Families, Caregivers and Survivors do not go unnoticed. We are an organization of Veterans, family members and proud supporters who believe that by working together, we can bridge the gap left by other government agencies to honor their service and sacrifices to our great nation.

SACVF believes that there are many proud American’s who are willing to work hard to accomplish and resolve difficult problems for our new generation of Warriors and that a positive return to society can be achieved through teamwork and perseverance.



“Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth.”
~Mohammed Ali

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Our Approach

SACVF's *1-on-1 Veteran Support Program* provides emergency support and assistance to individual Veterans and their families in Bexar County, Texas, and the surrounding area. We work hard to quickly solve problems. From WWII to Afghanistan, SACVF is committed to helping find solutions for every Veteran problem no matter how difficult. Our *Veteran Service Provider (VSP) Network* is paramount to helping meet the needs of the San Antonio area Veteran population. SACVF has helped to unite over 295 individual VSPs committed and working together to serve the needs of our Veteran community. We conduct monthly mini seminars on the first Wednesday of every month to educate & inform community leaders, service providers and other organizations on real issues affecting our Veterans. In doing so, we empower participants to help build solutions to problems that our heroes face each day. Our *Advocacy for Change* efforts help drive government policy adjustments at various levels. SACVF has successfully lobbied to institute new legislation in Austin to address Veteran rights and benefits such as utility bill assistance for Veterans with severe burns.

In a Nutshell

SACVF IS the change that our Veterans and their families so desperately need

SACVF IS the 'emergency response' nonprofit acting as the bridge or safety net between assisting the Veteran in need\crisis and supporting that Veteran until they're able to qualify for the Services provided by other nonprofits and government agencies.

Get involved

Q: Want to volunteer?

A: email us at Info@sacvf.org OR call us at (210) 990-1115

Q: Want to be a Veteran Service Provider (VSP) and/or a presenter at a monthly meeting?

A: email us at Info@sacvf.org OR call us at (210) 990-1115

Q: Want to attend a meeting to see what SACVF is all about?

A: Request to be added to our mailing list so you can begin receiving invites to our monthly (*FREE*) meetings that take place monthly on the 1st Wednesday between 1:30pm – 2:30pm Central Time by emailing your request to Info@sacvf.org

Q: How do I donate?

A: Go to SACVF.org and on the left-hand side you'll find a Donate Now area. You can do a *one-time* or a *monthly* donation as it does go a long way in supporting our Veteran's



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