



Veteran Poll Workers Needed ? DVEN Offers Help

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The Disabled Veteran Empowerment Network (DVEN), an El Segundo, CA based organization whose goal is to help disabled veterans, is pleased to announce that they have joined the Vet the Vote coalition to engage America's 17 million veterans in providing poll workers for the country's election system. The coalition aims to address the lack of poll workers while also giving veterans, especially some disabled veterans, a way to help out their communities once again. Learn about DVEN and how they have joined the vet coalition online at <https://dven.org/dven-joins-vet-the-vote-coalition/>.

The national shortage of poll workers has reached a critical level. The traditional cohort of poll workers has an average age of 60, and the COVID-19 pandemic significantly suppressed their outstanding volunteerism, says DVEN. America needs to recruit more than 1 million volunteers annually to administer election polling sites, and election boards across the country have struggled to recruit enough poll workers to efficiently and effectively run elections. America's 17M+ veterans and their family members are ideally positioned to help fill this critical shortage. Vet the Vote's ever-growing coalition already includes 30+ incredible organizations, including VSOs, MSOs, the National Football League (NFL) and the US Chamber of Commerce.

DVEN believes strongly in the role veterans can play in helping to run safe and secure polling sites and election boards all over the United States. Veterans and the families that support them have proven their

commitment to their country and to serving it on countless occasions, and they are some of the best people to participate in the Vet the Vote program. DVEN encourages all veterans and their families to visit the Vet the Vote website and consider how they can support the initiative. The website can be found at <https://vetthe.vote/>.

DVEN hopes that the program will help alleviate the shortage of poll workers and that their efforts will get veterans in a position to help the communities that they have dedicated their lives to serving. DVEN works closely with a number of organizations whose job it is to look out for the concerns of veterans all over the United States. One of their most important partners is the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), an organization which serves over 27 million veterans who have served their country in some way. Through their nationwide system of hospitals, clinics and other more, the VA offers American veterans access to a number of resources and services to make their lives a little bit easier. The Disabled Veterans Empowerment Network works to promote the interests of disabled veterans and does so by working closely with the Department of Veterans Affairs to come up with solutions to many of the issues faced by veterans.

Another one of the organizations supported by DVEN is We The Veterans, a nonpartisan, non-profit organization created by veterans and military family members whose goal is to empower veterans and their families across the country to build a better union. We The Veterans says, "We represent the quiet majority of the veteran community who put country over party and are committed to building a more perfect union. We believe in the power of positive patriotism and civil discourse among citizens and leaders. While Americans may be divided on many issues, respect for those who have served is a near-universal sentiment. That status in society is a privilege to uphold and a responsibility to lead. After years of war, we envision a new, but equally important role for veterans and military families: strengthening our democracy and ensuring misinformation and polarization don't continue to tear at the fabric of our union."

Visit <https://www.wetheveterans.us/> for more information on the organization and the kind of work they are doing in order to build a better country. There are also links to many of the other organizations DVEN works with that can be found on their website (along with links to various resources that may be of use to veterans). They would like to encourage veterans to get involved in some of the initiatives that are popping up across the United States as many of them present an opportunity to help build a better country.

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DVEN (Disabled Veteran Empowerment Network) is a program of the Cancer Journeys Foundation. The DVEN program was created in 2018, to support the thousands of veterans dealing with service-related cancers and PTSD.

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