NNOHA – Will You See One Vet
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Dental Lifeline Network

• A national humanitarian dental organization providing access to comprehensive dentistry for vulnerable individuals with disabilities or who are elderly or medically fragile and have no other way to get help.

• Donated Dental Services (DDS) program helps people with special needs in every state.

• Over 15,000 dentists each volunteer to help at least one person annually with seriously-neglected diseases.

• 3,500 Laboratories also participate.
Donated Dental Services (DDS)

- DDS Referral Coordinators Screen Applicants who must be disabled, elderly, or medically fragile and unable to afford comprehensive treatment.
- Most treatment plans require specialty assistance and laboratory fabrications. Increase in implant-retained dentures.
- Most volunteer dentists treat one patient annually.
- Average value of case $4,500.
- Once treatment plan is complete, patients are responsible for annual maintenance.
## DDS Services for Veterans

### FY 2017-18 (7/1/17-6/30/18) DDS National Statistics

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<th>Veterans</th>
<th>Total Patients</th>
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<td><strong>Donated Treatment Value</strong></td>
<td>$2,451,342</td>
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<td><strong>Donated Lab Value</strong></td>
<td>$211,233</td>
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<td><strong>Patients Treated</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Average Value of Treatment</strong></td>
<td>$4,764</td>
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<td><strong>Current Number of Active Patients</strong></td>
<td>357</td>
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Happy Patients

“I cannot express my gratitude for your contribution in changing my life. I have been unable to wear my dentures for many years. This caused serious adjustments in my eating habits, my physical appearance, and my self-confidence. (Now) people tell me I look 10 years younger and have a great smile. Appreciation doesn’t describe how much this means to me.”

– Ralph, Air Force Veteran, St. Louis

“I am less stressed knowing now that my mouth is good and healthy. Dr. H is wonderful and it was truly the best dental service I have ever gotten.” – Tanya, Navy Veteran, Denver

“I don’t know what I would have done without your help. I have had dental problems for years. It is very nice not to have a toothache and to be able to eat my favorite foods once again.” – Jeff, Army & Air Force Veteran, central Missouri
“Finding a way for me to give back is a great feeling. It brings us back to the days of commonality of the military. Any veteran that comes into my office I have that instant connection. This program allows me to give care to veterans who really need it.”

– Dr. Brandon Bennett, US Air Force Dental Corps Veteran and MO Air National Guard

“The experience has always been good because DDS has always tried to line us up with people who are appreciative of the program itself. All the patients have been extremely thankful for all we can do. The program is so rewarding for the dentist that it’s well worth getting into.”

– Dr. Gabriel Perjessy, US Army Veteran
"I helped a lot of others now I am the one that's in need."

- Russ
Army Veteran
Recruiting Volunteer Dentists

Will You See One Vet Recruitment Campaign

- Email Requests to Volunteer
- American Dental Association (ADA)
- State Dental Associations
- Academy of General Dentistry
- Seattle Study Club
- Pacific Dental Services
- Specialty Partner Communications
- Social Media
- Communication Outreach
  - DentalTown, ADA, State Dental Associations, American College of Dentists, Specialist Associations, National Association of Dental Laboratories

"Because of DLN dentists, veterans like me are getting the dental services we need."
FQHCs and Other Health Center Dental Programs Collaborating with Will You See One Vet [www.willyouseeone.vet.org](http://www.willyouseeone.vet.org)

Win-Win