



Friends of Disabled Veterans

Friends of Disabled Veterans is a 501(c3) Non-Profit Organization founded in June, 2016. Located in the Tri-Cities area, we operate on the foundation of 6 pillars.

- **Integrity**
- **Empowerment**
- **Family**
- **Loyalty**
- **Involvement**
- **Kindness**

Our Mission

The purpose of Friends of Disabled Veterans is to offer a place where disabled veterans and their families can have a place to go where people appreciate and respect what they've been through. The goal is to help them feel completely accepted and included in a fun, relaxing environment.

Founder and CEO, Brian Moore is a veteran that served our country for 20 years. Co-founder, Cleve Paulsell worked and served in the local community all his life. Cleve is now retired and focuses his time and energy showing our veterans his great appreciation for their service by helping with this organization. They're also proud of the following fact:

No board member or volunteer will EVER receive any compensation for their work with this non-profit organization.

Serving Disabled Veterans throughout the Tri-Cities and Lower Valley

Friends of Disabled Veterans supports disabled veterans by offering a place where they can enjoy indoor activities and outdoor adventures with their family and friends. This is an environment of support, appreciation and respect. The goal is to help disabled veterans feel completely accepted and included in a fun, relaxing environment.

As part of our program, we take disabled veterans, along with a family member or friend, on local hunts. We have acquired access to private land from landowners who wanted to give back to our disabled veterans who have given so much for us and our country. Our members have

helped design and create unique scissor lifts on trailers that our veterans use to reach heights up to 20 feet, allowing them to view the surrounding area for their hunt.

The Ranch

We have acquired significant acreage to allow us to fulfill our dream of a weekend retreat for disabled veterans and their families. The Ranch is being built in stages and is currently available for hunting expeditions.

Once complete, veterans will also have access to a stunning lodge, a do-it-yourself garden, a traditional archery range, and a children's playground—all ADA compliant. Activities will include hunting, horseback riding, indoor/outdoor gatherings, gardening, and archery. All of which will be designed specifically for ADA compliance.

There are also plans to provide support services such as counseling, budget planning, and horse therapy. All programs and services will be offered at no cost to the veteran or their family.

The Plan:

- **Obtain Significant Acreage - DONE!**
- **Conduct Guided Hunts - HAPPENING NOW!**
- **Bring Power to the Property - DONE!**
- **Obtain Permit for Road Access - DONE!**
- **Establish Location and Drill a Well - DONE!**
- **Build ADA Restroom Facility - Sewer & Water Permits Approved! Sourcing Materials**
- **Create a Parking Area - In progress**
- **Built an Archery Range - 50% Complete**
- **Build a Lodge - Design in Progress**
- **Create a Playground**
- **Plant Crops**
- **Acquire Donations - Monetary and Goods - ONGOING!**

Currently, there is not a location for our veterans specifically designed with these needs in mind. Since 2016, our members/volunteers have worked diligently to raise the money needed to purchase the much-needed acreage here in Eastern Washington to fulfill this dream. Our "Ranch" is being developed, located about a 15 minute drive from Benton City, WA.

Donations:

Veterans often have difficulty assimilating back into everyday life, with many suffering from PTSD and succumbing to suicide. We want our service men and women to know that we appreciate them and care enough to offer an outlet through friendship, fellowship, and activities with friends, families, and fellow service men/women who genuinely care.

We need your help in giving back to our heroes that have given and sacrificed so much. Anything you can afford will help us reach our goal! To donate, visit our Go Fund Me Page by clicking the button below.

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Friends of Disabled Veterans made another milestone on Thursday. The Concrete Foundation for our 2 ADA Compliant Bathrooms was poured this in below freezing weather, good thing they make warning blankets for that occasion. Next step to get scheduled will be the Block work, then pouring mud again into the walls and putting the floor.

The 140 acre Veterans Ranch has been the primary focus for the FODV group. We made our December 2022 land payment today and will only have 2 more payments to make by December of 2026. Once we have paid off the loan agreement of the original 80 acres, the Land owners, George, Bill and Jeff Dress from the Ranch and Home stores have agreed to generously Donate 2 additional 20 acre parcels toward our Tri Cities Veterans Ranch. Along the journey we were able to acquire one additional 20 acre parcel because of some safety concerns and unwanted access from others onto our northwest corner of the Ranch. So in total we will have 140 acres and are great full for everyone along the way supporting our 501c3 nonprofit and the development of the Ranch. One of the main reasons we are Building the Ranch above Prosser Washington is that the 140 acres that the Veterans will own is backed up to about 2,500 acres of State Ground.

Friends of Disabled Veterans is Building the 140 acre Veterans Ranch to provide a location where Disabled Veterans, Veterans and their Families can go at no cost to our Veterans. We will be developing Therapy Activities that the whole Family can participate in including but not limited to:

Equine Therapy Activities

12 lane Archery Range

A large Wood Shop

A large Metal Shop

Learning how to plan for Gold

Metal Detecting activities for lots of goodies

A large Playground for the Kids and Grandkids

A Memorial Park

Agricultural Activities learning how to grow their own food and access to several acres onsite to practice growing those food crops

External Therapy Activities will include:

Fishing

Hunting

Friends of Disabled Veterans has partnered with Tools 4 Troops

On Google Maps search, Friends of Disabled Veterans to view the Ranch

If you would like to learn more about Friends of Disabled Veterans feel free to contact myself, lol us up on Facebook or our website at <https://lnkd.in/gbHDdFy> or email me at, Brian@friendsofdisabledveterans.org

I am really proud of our Community, Sponsors, Donors and Board Members for making this 140 acre Veterans Ranch a reality.

We are a true nonprofit in that we have no one on our Board or any of our Volunteers that draws a salary. Everyone involved does so because they feel in their Hearts and Souls that giving back to our Disabled Veterans, Veterans and Families is a worthy cause.

If you would like to Donate Time or Money or to Participate and get involved in a great organization please contact me.

I will start making regular updates on the Status of the 140 acre Veterans Ranch.

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