# Veterans' Valor:



### **Cannabis Discharge Redemption Project**

#### Introduction

Since 2001 over 100,000 veterans have received other than honorable (OTH) discharges. This type of discharge disqualifies the veteran from receiving benefits such as healthcare, education, disability compensation, as well as other services. VETLIFE is a nonprofit created by veterans for veterans with the purpose of connecting military men and women to their benefits they earned through their service to this country.

Veterans Valor is a groundbreaking initiative aimed at rectifying the injustices faced by veterans who received OTH discharges due to cannabis use during service. This project focuses on identifying these veterans and assisting them in applying for a discharge upgrade and/or discharge review. Upon successful completion the veteran would then be eligible for military benefits.

#### **Background**

Throughout history, too many service members have found themselves unfairly discharged from the military due to cannabis use, often resulting in OTH discharges. With changing societal attitudes towards cannabis and its legalization, there is a growing recognition of the need to address the repercussions faced by these veterans. Many of them are denied access to essential benefits due to this discharge status despite their honorable service in the military.

#### **Objectives**

## Veterans Valor seeks to achieve several key objectives:

- Identification: The project aims to identify veterans who were discharged under other than honorable conditions primarily due to cannabis use during their service. This involves outreach efforts to engage with veterans' organizations, legal aid clinics, and other stakeholders to locate and assist affected individuals.
- Legal Assistance: Veterans navigating the discharge upgrade process may encounter legal complexities and challenges. The project provides access to legal aid and support services to help veterans navigate the application process effectively. Legal experts specializing in military law guide veterans through each step, advocating on their behalf to secure the upgrades so that the veteran may access military benefits.



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#### **Impact**



The Veterans' Valor: Cannabis Discharge Redemption Project has the potential to significantly impact the lives of countless veterans and their families. By securing discharge upgrades, veterans regain access to critical benefits and resources that can improve their health, well-being, and overall quality of life. Additionally, the project contributes to broader efforts to address disparities in the treatment of veterans and promote fairness and equity within the military justice system.

Your support is crucial in ensuring the success of the Veterans' Valor: Cannabis Discharge Redemption Project. By donating today, you can directly contribute to efforts to identify and assist veterans who have been unfairly discharged due to cannabis use. Your generosity will provide vital resources for outreach, education, legal assistance, and advocacy, enabling us to help more veterans reclaim their rightful benefits and recognition for their service. Together, we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of those who have sacrificed for our country. Donate now and stand with our veterans in their journey towards redemption and justice.

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