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The Official Newsletter of The American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial

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There are many ways that you can help the **American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial** become a reality.

Become a Memorial Ambassador today and sign up for a personal fundraising page that can be e-mailed to your family and friends. Let them help you reach your personal fundraising goal!

Want to know how simple and easy it can be? Click here – [www.avdlm.org/friendsaskingfriends](http://www.avdlm.org/friendsaskingfriends).

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**HELP US COMPLETE THE MISSION – WE ARE LESS THAN \$4 MILLION AWAY FROM GROUNDBREAKING!!!**

## About the Memorial

Adding to the beauty of our nation's capital, the **American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial** will soon become one of our country's treasured landmarks, bringing together visitors of all ages and backgrounds - a fitting tribute to the brave men and women who stand watch over America.

## The 2010 American Veterans Disabled for Life Silver Dollar

On February 25, The **Disabled Veterans' LIFE Memorial Foundation** and TriWest Healthcare Alliance hosted a reception for the launch of the first commemorative coin issued by the United States Mint in 2010: The 2010 American Veterans Disabled for Life Silver Dollar. Approximately 150 guests attended the reception, including Director of the United States Mint Ed Moy, Senator Tim Johnson (D: South Dakota), U.S. Representatives Mark Kirk (R: Illinois) and Dennis Moore (D: Kansas), Sheila Jackson Lee (D: Texas), National Commander of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Bobby Barrera, former Acting Secretary for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and Director of the Disabled Veterans' LIFE Memorial Foundation (DVLMF) Gordon Mansfield, Chief of Staff for VA Secretary Eric Shinseki John Gingrich, former Secretary of the VA and DVLMF spokesperson Anthony Principi. Representatives from 12 Veterans Services Organizations were present.

Arthur Wilson, DAV national adjutant and co-founder of DVLMF, was also in attendance. "The coin is forever a reminder of the brave servicemen and women who risked, and continue to risk, their lives in

defense of our country's liberty," Wilson stated. "Each coin sold brings us one step closer to building a permanent, national memorial to disabled veterans." Since the coin's release, the United States Mint reports more than 175,000 have been sold! Ten dollars from each coin sold goes directly to DVLMF for the construction of the Memorial. The collector proof and uncirculated silver coins have a maximum mintage of 350,000. For more details about the coin, please visit our [website](#). To purchase a commemorative coin, please visit [www.usmint.gov](http://www.usmint.gov).

## Visualize It!

Visit our [Virtual Memorial](#) to get a detailed look at the ***American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial***. This virtual rendering allows you to view the Memorial in its entirety and see who has donated to help build the Memorial. Simply hold your mouse over a spot within the Memorial and a text box featuring the name of the donor will appear. If the donor for a particular sponsorship says "Available," consider sharing this information with someone you know who may want to donate in order to help make the Memorial a reality. For items with an open contribution level, please contact Rick Fenstermacher for donation information at 561-637-1525 extension 3502.

## Recent Donors

We are amazed by the generosity of our donors. We are proud to recognize [TriWest Healthcare Alliance](#), [QTC Management, Inc.](#), [The Lois Pope LIFE Foundation](#) and [AMVETS](#) for their recent donations to DVLMF.

TriWest Healthcare Alliance, a Phoenix-based company that partners with the Department of Defense to support the health care needs of 2.9 million members of America's military family, generously donated \$250,000 toward the Memorial. TriWest also co-hosted the official launch reception for the 2010 American Veterans Disabled for Life Silver Dollar.

QTC Management, Inc., the nation's leading provider of examination services to the medical and disabled community, generously donated \$50,000 toward the project.

Leaders in Furthering Education (LIFE), a Palm Beach, Florida-based foundation started by philanthropist Lois Pope that provides financial backing for young people who have led the way in helping the disadvantaged but now need help themselves, raised \$200,000 for the Memorial at the annual Lady in Red Gala. LIFE's total contributions to AVDLM now exceed \$1.7 million.

AMVETS, one of America's foremost veterans service organizations in assisting veterans and sponsoring numerous programs that serve our country and its citizens, generously pledged \$100,000 toward building the Memorial.

We extend our deepest gratitude to these organizations for their support.

## DVLMF and Social Media

As always, we're updating our Facebook and Twitter accounts daily. Come join our more than 400 followers on Twitter and our 5,000 Facebook friends and be in the know about the latest happenings with the Memorial and current news regarding America's disabled veterans. You can find us on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/AVDLM](http://www.twitter.com/AVDLM), and on Facebook at <http://profile.to/veteransmemorial/>.

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