

## Orange Heart Medal Foundation 501(c)(3) Non Profit Charity Foundation

## MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the Orange Heart Medal Foundation is to honor the Vietnam Veterans who were exposed to Agent Orange dioxin and returned home to suffer the health effects caused by that chemical. As such, the Foundation has successfully worked with State Legislators to recognize those veterans as combat wounded and to distribute the patented Orange Heart Medal. In 2019, the State of Tennessee was first to pass a law recognizing these veterans. Nine additional States have followed suit as of September 2023. Our Board, with the assistance of many volunteers, continues to work with other State representatives to pass legislation in accordance with each State's by-laws. As of September 2023, the Foundation has distributed more than 11,300 medals at no cost to the Veteran. In addition, a Memorial has been placed in Springfield, Tennessee whereupon any Vietnam veteran may have their name emblazoned to a cenotaph, along with their State and Branch of Service. If they were exposed to Agent Orange, their name is preceded by an Orange Heart for recognition.



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