



National Association of Veterans Upward Bound

Press Release

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Delta Dental of California partners with the National Association of Veterans Upward Bound to support student veteran scholarships

CHICAGO, IL. – Delta Dental of California has donated \$4,000 to the National Association of Veterans Upward Bound (NAVUB) to support its efforts in facilitating the education and employment of student veterans.

Mary Meeks, NAVUB's President, said: "The Association immensely appreciates the financial support as this will allow us to provide additional assistance to the veterans we serve and will ensure that their academic and career goals can be obtained."

Veterans Upward Bound (VUB) is designed to motivate and assist veterans in the development of academic and other skills necessary for success in a program of postsecondary education. The VUB program provides assessment and enhancement of skills through counseling, mentoring, tutoring, and academic instruction. The primary goal of the program is to increase the rate at which veterans enroll in, and complete, college.

The members of NAVUB provide a one-stop resource for returning veterans to help them traverse various policies and programs of higher education. Veterans served by VUB programs located across the Nation and in Puerto Rico also receive support to address the challenges they face in re-entering the civilian workforce.

Veterans participating in VUB possess a wide range of military experiences (from all eras of service) including those who have served in recent campaigns and those who served prior to the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Despite the availability of the Post-9/11 GI Bill, large numbers of military veterans transitioning to civilian life face financial hurdles beyond the scope of their educational benefits. The contribution by Delta Dental of California will provide funding for financial awards which are given directly into the hands of college-enrolled veterans with unmet financial needs.

Michelle Smith, chair of NAVUB's scholarship commission, said the organization was extremely grateful for the financial support.

"I was thrilled to learn that Delta Dental of California has joined NAVUB's effort to support student veterans with such a generous donation. These support scholarships are a ray of hope, especially for those students struggling with family financial obligations or for those students who are trying to work jobs while enrolled full-time. This additional funding will help clear the path for veterans to finish their degrees."

About Delta Dental of California

Delta Dental of California, along with Delta Dental of Pennsylvania, Delta Dental Insurance Company and Delta Dental of New York, are part of a group of companies under common management that provide dental benefits to nearly 36.5 million people in 15 states plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. All are part of the Delta Dental Plans Association, whose member companies collectively cover more than 75 million people nationwide. Learn more at <https://www.deltadentalins.com>.

About the National Association of Veterans Upward Bound

NAVUB is a 501(c)(3) organization that serves veterans from all eras. One hundred percent of all donated funds are used to provide scholarship assistance to college enrolled veterans with unmet financial needs. Since NAVUB began offering scholarships in 2004, it has donated over \$80,000 in scholarship grants to veterans, assisting them in their pursuit and completion of a college education. Learn more at <http://www.navub.org>.

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