## Brian K. Moore Leading the Charge for Disabled Veterans

The adjustment to civilian life is frequently difficult for veterans. The mission of Friends of Disabled Veterans (FODV) is to make that journey easier.

FODV was established in June 2016 and has grown to be a community resource for veterans. founder Brian K. Moore had a strong commitment to veteran advocacy and a vision to expand the organization's influence.

"I saw a lot of nonprofits in the community that were doing different things for veterans, but there was not a group at the time that tried to gather resources from several different veteran's organizations and other organizations within the community to try to help take care of veterans and their families through the use of networking," said Moore.

His leadership has not only brought innovative programs to veterans and helped them transition into civilian life, but it has also created a deeply supportive community.

His focus on mental health and fostering connection has made Friends of Disabled Veterans a place where veterans feel valued and understood.

"We had a gentleman that was sick. He felt left out, and Chris started a program where he got a whole bunch of the community involved and we showed the veteran that he was not left behind that people do care, we had hundreds of cards, I think four or five hundred cards just welcome him being back and thanking him for his service," said Moore.

One of the most impactful developments under Moore's leadership has been the creation of the Ranch, a 140-acre facility in Prosser, Washington. Designed to be fully accessible, the Ranch provides a space for veterans and their families to engage in outdoor activities tailored to accommodate a range of physical challenges.

The Ranch fosters essential skills like creative problem-solving, communication, teamwork, and confidence through a blend of classroom instruction and hands-on outdoor experiences. Built through donations and volunteer efforts, it aims to empower veterans and bring their families closer together.

"Unfortunately, uh Dennis passed away and when he passed away, his wife was uh so impacted by it. She felt that because he never got to actually see the ranch because of his physical condition, that we would have a memorial service there. So, we actually held a memorial service at the veterans Ranch for Dennis and his family and every time we see her, she just balls up and thanks us and tells us all the time about how Dennis was really appreciative of the fact that he no longer felt like he was just being discarded after he got out," said Moore.

Moore's leadership at Friends of Disabled Veterans has not only transformed the organization

but also touched the lives of others. His commitment to empowering veterans, through both practical support and emotional care, continues to ensure that those who served are not forgotten.

"Everything we do is for the veteran, we try to consider that in our planning, from kids to grandkids. It's all about safety, accessibility, and just making sure they have a good time at no cost," said Moore.

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