



**Press Release**

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### **Stand For Vets to Raise Funds to Support Wounded Veterans**

**LAGUNA NIGUEL, Calif., AUG 2, 2017**—The Stand For Vets (also known as The Mark Hodel Veteran's Foundation), is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation dedicated to raising funds for our wounded veterans. This organization strives to restore independence to Veterans' lives by raising funds for customized prosthetics, specialized wheelchairs, or providing other personalized services that will assist them in their mobility and well-being.

Founder John Hodel explains, "Today, our military warriors are battling an enemy of terror that does not wear a uniform. Our brave men and women are one explosive attack away from their lives being changed forever. The physical impact is what we all see, but they also must deal with the mental, emotional, and relational stress that is not visible to others. Even the will to live." Medical services to assist wounded Veterans are very expensive, even if covered partially by standard insurance, more funds are necessary to outfit as many veterans as possible. Stand For Vets aims to fill this gap in expenditure.

According to a recent VA study in 2014, we lose an average of 20 veterans to suicide every day. We feel that if we can make life viable by supporting them to do regular everyday activities, they will feel a sense of freedom, independence, and ability to be self-sufficient. Our veterans need support beyond their active years of service, so no matter if they were wounded on or off the battlefield, Stand for Vets will support them. In striving to give them the ability to overcome their mobility limitations, we can greatly improve their opportunities and minimize their limitations they may otherwise face on a daily basis.

Stand For Vets was founded by John Hodel in honor of his late older brother, Mark Hodel, who served in the Vietnam War and died serving our country.

For those who want to get involved or donate, go to [standforvets.org/getinvolved](http://standforvets.org/getinvolved). Veterans can apply by going to [standforvets.org/vetaveteran](http://standforvets.org/vetaveteran).

### **About Stand for Vets / Mark Hodel Veteran's Foundation**

Stand for Vets / Mark Hodel Veteran's Foundation is dedicated to raising funds for our wounded veterans. We strive to restore independence to their lives by raising funds for customized prosthetics, specialized wheelchairs, or providing other personalized services that will assist them in their mobility and well-being. We are deeply committed to supporting our veterans and ask that all who donate to our cause - do so out of love, sincerity, memory, and respect from the heart for those cherished veterans who permanently sacrificed so much for us.

Mark Hodel Veteran's Foundation® is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

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