





Thank You for Agreeing to Change a Veteran's Life!

Thank you for volunteering your valuable time and energy towards changing the life of a veteran in need. The work you are donating to restore this Veteran's smile will affect not only the lives of those in touch with this veteran, but the lives of others too.

Here at the AAID Foundation, we take pride in the work that our members put into the *Smile, Veteran!*™ program. Your case story will be shared with other members to show your dedication as a catalyst of change in this veteran's life.

The *Smile, Veteran!*™ program is offered to eligible Veterans selected by our Committee to receive dental implants at little to no cost to them. Most of the applicants to this program would otherwise not have access to dental restoration and implants. Your agreement to offer dental work in your office *pro bono* to the veteran ensures that these individuals receive access to improved dental health and smiles.

By partnering with our sponsors, the *Smile, Veteran!*™ program provides the Participating Doctor with the materials to change each veteran's smile, and at *no cost* to the veteran. The AAID Foundation provides each selected veteran participant with implants, abutments, and implant materials for free through our partners for the *Smile, Veteran!*™ program. Each Participating Doctor must make orders for necessary materials in the treatment plan by following the steps provided in this handbook. This ensures there is no cost to the doctor or the veteran for each approved case. Please follow the steps below to place orders for these materials. **Note:** *Failure to follow the required program steps and documentation process may jeopardize eligibility for donated implants and implant components through the Smile, Veteran!*™ program.



Corporate Sponsors

Colonel Sponsor (6 or more cases)



Captain/Lieutenant Sponsor (4-5 cases)



Sergeant Sponsors (1-3 cases)





Implants/Materials Orders

Tatum Surgical, our Colonel Sponsor, has committed to supporting eight or more *Smile, Veteran!*[™] cases each program period. As a result, all implants, abutments, and related implant components for approved cases will typically be supplied through Tatum Surgical.

Once your Veteran has been officially accepted into the program and treatment planning is complete, you will be asked to participate in a brief Zoom meeting with the Foundation and our designated contact at Tatum Surgical. During this meeting, you will review your clinical assessment and discuss the materials and components needed for the case. Tatum Surgical will then complete the product order form on your behalf. Most meetings are completed within 15–30 minutes.

The Foundation recognizes that doctors may have preferences regarding implant systems, components, and restorative workflows. If you prefer to utilize a different implant partner, you may request sponsorship through one of our Sergeant Sponsors, including ZimVie Dental, Impladent Ltd., and Neodent. Please note that Sergeant Sponsors typically support one to three cases per program year, and sponsorship availability may vary. If you would like to explore sponsorship through one of these companies, please contact the Foundation team, and we will help facilitate the connection.



Important: To ensure eligibility for donated implants, abutments, and related components, participating doctors must follow the required ordering and documentation process. The Foundation cannot guarantee product sponsorship or availability if program procedures are not followed.

Laboratory Services/Prosthesis

Should you need to order crowns, prosthesis, or other laboratory processed materials for your case, please contact Lauren Ambrus, Foundation Executive Secretary, at lauren@aaid.com. The AAID Foundation has a private participating laboratory that will do lab work for free or reduced cost as a part of their partnership with the *Smile, Veteran!*[™] program. Should you wish to use Glidewell Dental as your preferred laboratory, they have supported us in recent years by offering reduced or no-cost laboratory expenses for some orders. Contact Ms. Ambrus to arrange for Glidewell to cover your case.



A Flexible Way to Give Back to Veterans

The **Smile, Veteran!™ Alternative Pathway** allows AAID credentialed implant dentists to independently provide donated implant and restorative care to a Veteran they identify, while still receiving program recognition through the AAID Foundation.



Alternative Pathway

Who Can Participate?

- AAID Associate Fellows and Fellows
- Dentists with an active, unrestricted U.S. dental license
- Providers willing to donate the entire case, including treatment, materials, laboratory fees, and any associated costs

Benefits of Participation

- ✓ Change a Veteran's life immediately
- ✓ Maintain full clinical autonomy
- ✓ Receive recognition through AAID Foundation communications
- ✓ Support the mission of the AAID Foundation's *Smile, Veteran!™* Program

How The *Smile, Veteran!™* Alternative Pathway Works

1. Identify a Veteran in need of care. This can be a patient in your dental office.
2. Submit the Veteran's eligibility documentation to the Foundation for review.
3. Provide treatment independently and at no cost to the Veteran.
4. Submit the required completion documentation (see page for worksheet).
5. Receive Foundation acknowledgment and potential recognition opportunities on web and at the AAID Annual Conference.

Smile, Veteran! – An AAIDF Program Participating Doctor Handbook



Veteran Requirements

To be eligible, Veterans must:

- Have an Honorable or General Under Honorable discharge
- Provide proof of military service (DD-214)
- Meet financial need requirements
- Consent to approved program testimonials and photography materials

Important Note

Per IRS guidelines, donated professional services are generally not tax-deductible. The AAID Foundation provides acknowledgment of donated care but does not assign monetary value to services or provide tax advice.

Learn More

For complete eligibility requirements, documentation instructions, compliance information, and participation details, please review the **Smile, Veteran!™ Alternative Pathway Resource Guide**.

Other Questions or Concerns?

Please feel free to contact the AAID Foundation at any time regarding questions or concerns for your patient and their *Smile, Veteran!* approved case. We are also happy to facilitate follow-up media and marketing as a part of your and your veteran patient's participation in our program. You can email AAID Foundation Staff at foundation@aaid.com, or send a message to Lauren at lauren@aaid.com for questions.

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Together, we are changing communities and lives. Thank you for being a part of this transformative journey. Please share your experiences and feedback to help us continue improving the Smile, Veteran!™ program.