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AAPTSDA DONATION REQUEST

Imagine, for just a moment, that you or someone you love served in the military and returned to civilian life with a service connected disability and couldn't get the Department of Veterans Affairs to approve the disability compensation claim. Where would you go? What organization would you seek out to help? Who would you trust to find answers and help?

For thousands of veterans and their dependents all over America and her territories, for sixteen years and counting, the answer for veterans of all races and branches of service has been and is the African American Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Association (AAPTSDA).

When the spouse of a Marine veteran who served in the Republic of Vietnam was diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer, his wife and now widow knew exactly who to call. The veteran's urgency began innocently enough about two years before he passed away with a cough that wouldn't go away, and he just couldn't catch his breath. We were able to get him a 100% service connected disability compensation benefit from the VA three months after he came to us and two months before he passed away. Now, his widow receives financial and medical benefits for her lifetime.

Women veterans suffer too. We assisted a female Army veteran who was sexually assaulted by a male soldier while serving on active duty. After suffering for years with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), which was service connected because of the assault, she contacted our office after trying other organizations unsuccessfully. With our assistance she received a 70% service connected award for the Military Sexual Trauma (MST).

We have assisted thousands of veterans and their dependents to receive their benefits earned through their service to our country. We are approved by Congress and one of the few organizations without a multimillion dollar donor base or that receives adequate funding through state agencies to carry out our mission. We depend on donations to meet our budget each month.

But we can't do it without your financial support. When you donate to AAPTSDA, you can assist and help ensure that we expand our services and serve every eligible veteran who requests our help.

Please consider donating \$25, \$50, \$75, \$100 or more if you can afford to so that we can continue to serve and assist our veterans. We thank you for your generosity.