

The LIFE of DAN ROSS



My Name is George D. (Dan) Ross, I have been doing Veteran Service Officer, since August 2005; when I started my first claim with a VFW Service Officer, and it took me 19 months to get it through the VA for payment. As I started talking to Veterans and found out there was a need for someone to assist veterans

with help. In late 2008 was the first I heard about VVA, when I joined another Veteran was taking a course to become an Accredited Veteran Service Officer. I starting enquiring about that and how to take the course. The cost was \$150.00 from the National Veterans Legal Service Plan. I took that and got accredited on March 31; 2009. VVA opened our office at the VA, hospital in Building 58, and a year later we were moved to Building 13, and we are still located there but have been closed since March with the Coronavirus. I have been doing the service Officer work by emails, text messages, phone calls, and local restaurants. I have assisted 100's of veterans from World War II, Korean War, Peace. time, Vietnam Conflict, Desert Storms, and the current conflict.

I have assisted veterans and their families collect millions of dollars in disability payments, DIC payments, educational programs, automobile adaptation for handicapped veterans. I have assisted veterans while my wife and I travel across the country when we stop at and RV park in other states.

I have traveled to Phoenix Regional Office, on several occasions over the past 11 years with veterans for hearing before the Traveling Boards and have been very successful in getting the denied verdict changed to a favorable rating. I frequently get phone calls from veterans in other states asking me questions about their claim and what can be done to help them,

My other activities that I have done during the 11 years. I joined VVA as a Life Member 391499, was a member of Gabrielle Giffords, Veterans Advisory Committee, served on the Tucson Advisory Committee for eight years from 2009-2017. Served as Secretary of VVA Chapter 106 in Tucson, AZ from 2009-2012, President from 2012-2014, Secretary from 2014-2016, served as Chaplain for the past 8 years. I attended the National Convention in Louisville, KY, 2009 and in Jacksonville 2013. I also attended VVA Leadership Conference in Tucson, Arizona 2016 and in Palm Springs 2018. I have received the Vietnam Veterans of America Achievement Award, recognized by Representative Martha McSally, Senator Martha McSally for my work with the Veteran Community.

My Military service was in the United States Air Force from October 16, 1963 to October 13, 1967.

Thoughts of VVA Chapter 106 - Tucson

George Dan Ross was a man that we truly wish “WE” could be like. Ever since we have known him, he has been there for others. His concern was for others to help them in anyway, fashion or anything else.

His generosity exceeds him and he, himself has provided so much for our lives and may we all remember who Dan was. A man, a veteran, a Christian, a husband, a father and the list goes on for ALL OF US to fully remember what he (Dan) has accomplished for hundreds of people when it comes to Veteran Affairs claims and a myriad of other things we are not aware of.

Yes, Dan is not here, and he is in a much better place and he is awaiting on those to follow him. When you run across some like George Dan Ross, it makes you think, that we too could follow in his footsteps. All we have to do is kindly remember him as a person and who he is and what he did for all of us in one way or another.

To Brother Dan: *“We will miss you, always know you have always been a blessing to us and we thank you for all you have finished on our behalf. You bring kind and sweet memories into our hearts and we so much thank you more times than we can even imagine”.*

In His Name

VVA-Arizona State Council and all of the chapters.

What We Think of Dan Ross

George D. Ross

Nomination to the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame

Nominator: Melvin (Butch) Morgan

VVA Chapter 106 President

1. VVA Service Officer 11 years in Tucson
2. Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition / by US Rep. Martha McSally, AZ 2nd Congressional District 10/25/2016
3. Awarded Quilts of Valor Foundation 01/26/2017
4. VVA Achievement Medal 10/01/2016
5. Letters and Nominations for VSO of the year sent to National VVA for 2021.

I Melvin (Butch) Morgan fully recommend George D Ross for the class 2022 Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame. Dan Ross has been Membership Director, President, Vice President, Chaplin for VVA Chapter 106 over the years in the Chapter as a member as well as other duties in the Chapter. Dan has helped so many veterans get the benefits and health care they needed in their 14 years as VSO here in Tucson. Even the VVA National President sent people to him for help. People from other states have called him for help and he has gotten them taken care of. He takes pride in being a VSO.

Melvin (Butch) Morgan

President VVA Chapter 106

George D. Ross

Nomination to the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame

From Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 106

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2. Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition / by US Rep. Martha McSally, AZ 2nd Congressional District 10/25/2016
3. VVA Achievement Medal 10/01/2016
4. Certificate of Appreciation: from Commander, Brian J. Lieb Col. 111th Military Intelligence Brigade, Fort Huachuca AZ.
5. Letters and Nomination copies for VSO of the year sent to VVA for 2020.

Melvin Butch Morgan

President Chapter 106