

**WELCOME**



# **San Diego Othan Mondy Better Life Chapter 72**

NABVETS, Inc. had its beginning as The Interested Veterans of the Central City (IVOCC), a community-based organization founded in 1969 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, by seven returning Vietnam combat veterans . The organization was formed to address issues facing Vietnam veterans in the inner city, such as unemployment, inadequate housing, and difficulties in accessing healthcare. They formed to address the marginalization of Black Veterans and the challenges they faced with getting their benefits and services.



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In 1973, IVOCC reorganized to become a membership service organization with the charge to address issues concerning Black and other minority veterans. In 1998, NABVETS, Inc. became a National Veterans Service Organization (VSO), certified by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to represent veterans filing claims for their benefits. The organization became the first and only Black organization chartered by Congress.

NABVETS has chapters across the nation.



# NABVETS Mission



The mission of the National Association for Black Veterans is to serve as an advocacy organization that focuses on the needs of all veterans, but Black veterans in particular, their families, and the communities in which they live. The organization is committed to promoting the welfare and well-being of veterans, ensuring they receive all the benefits and services to which they are entitled.



A photograph of a Black woman in a military uniform, smiling and holding a young child. A man is visible in the background, also smiling. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent orange and black gradient.

# NABVETS Vision



The vision of the National Association for Black Veterans is to ensure that veterans and their families receive all the benefits and services they have earned through their service to the nation. The organization seeks to be a leading advocate for the rights of all veterans, and to provide a network of support that helps them transition back to civilian life and achieve their full potential.

# NABVETS



NABVETS is working tirelessly in unity with the community to end homelessness, empower low-income and minority Veterans and reinvigorate disadvantaged youth.

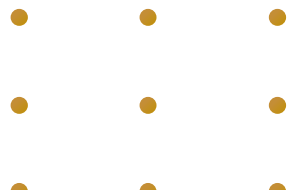
Since its inception in 1969, NABVETS has been a veterans' advocacy organization and has addressed the unmet needs of minority and economically disadvantaged veterans.



# NABVETS History



NABVETS will continue to celebrate, preserve, and educate the nation about the contributions of veterans, particularly Black veterans who have been under-represented in the historical record.



Lt. Vernon Baker  
Medal of Honor WWII, 1997





# BETTER LIFE CHAPTER 72

## Founding Commander



### Master Chief Othan 'Nate' Mondy

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- ✓ 1st Black Force Master Chief of Naval Air Force Pacific
- ✓ Command Master Chief of the USS Kitty Hawk
- ✓ 1st Black Force Master Chief to visit the bottom of the world
- ✓ 32 years, 1960 – 1992 Retired
- ✓ Received numerous awards & recognition
- ✓ Stanford University, United States International University & Defense Race Relations Institute
- ✓ NABVETS, Commander, Better Life Chapter 72



# BETTER LIFE CHAPTER 72



## Mission

Our mission is to provide a “Better Life” for veterans, active-duty service members, and their families, by assisting them in receiving the compensation, benefits and services that each has rightfully earned and deserve.

# BETTER LIFE CHAPTER 72



## What We Do

We support veterans by assisting them with the initial processing of claims for compensation and other veteran benefits

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We provide a network of support and assistance to veterans and their families, including counseling, outreach, and referral services

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We provide educational and networking events for veterans to come together, talk, share, learn, and know they are not alone

03

We seek out resources needed for veterans to become successful at home, in their business or career, and in the community

04

We develop and maintain partnerships with other organizations and individuals who share the same goals and objectives as NABVETS San Diego Othan Mondy Better Life Chapter 72

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# NABVETS Membership



All veterans may receive claims assistance without regard to race, ethnicity, gender, age or branch of military service.

Better Life Chapter 72 invites you to join with our fraternal Veterans Service Organization, bringing your immediate value and expertise to the organization while at the same time receiving valuable services and benefits to improve your life, your family's life, and the community.

# NABVETS Membership



## National Membership Options:

Active 1 year membership

\$40

Active 2 year membership

\$70

Active 3 year membership

\$95

Silver Lifetime membership

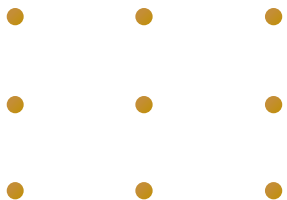
\$300

Gold Lifetime membership

\$600

Diamond Lifetime membership

\$1200





# NABVETS Membership



## Local Chapter Dues

Your local chapter dues provide benefits to include some of the following:

- ✓ Access to resources
- ✓ Social events and activities
- ✓ Education and training
- ✓ Access to discounts
- ✓ Business/entrepreneurial programs
- ✓ Housing/homeownership programs
- ✓ Mentor/mentorship programs



**Local chapter dues are \$100 annually**

**“ If there is only one word to describe a military veteran, it would be ‘sacrifice’.”**



**We want to  
hear from  
you!**

## Keep In Touch

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