



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

## *Veterans Services Foundation*

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#### **Donors' Bill of Rights\***

To ensure that the Veterans Services Foundation (VSF) and the Department of Veterans Services (DVS) merit the respect and trust of the general public, and that donors and prospective donors can have full confidence in VSF and DVS and the causes they support, all donors have the following rights:

1. To be informed of the missions VSF and DVS and the way they intend to use donated resources and their capacity to use donations effectively for their intended purposes.
2. To be informed of the identity serving on the VSF governing board and the DVS policy and advisory boards, and to expect the boards to exercise prudent judgement in their stewardship responsibilities.
3. To have access to the VSF and DVS most recent financial statements.
4. To be assured the donors' gifts will be used for the purposes for which they were given.
5. To receive appropriate acknowledgement and recognition.
6. To be assured that information about contributors' donations is handled with respect and with confidentiality to the extent provided by law.
7. To expect that all relationships with individuals representing the VSF and DVS will be professional in nature.
8. To be informed whether those seeking donations are volunteers or employees VSF or DVS or hired solicitors.
9. To have the opportunity for donors' names to be deleted from mailing lists and not shared with other philanthropic organizations.
10. To feel free to ask questions when making a donation and to receive prompt, truthful, and forthright answers.

\*Adapted from the Donor Bill of Rights Developed and Endorsed by the Association of Fundraising Professionals and other like-minded philanthropic associations and organizations.

*Please note new address as of November 1, 2016*

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