



# PTSD-ASSIST PROGRAM FOR VETERANS



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**AT FREEDOM SERVICE DOGS (FSD), WE TRANSFORM LIVES BY PARTNERING PEOPLE WITH CUSTOM-TRAINED ASSISTANCE DOGS.**

Since our founding in 1987, FSD has graduated hundreds of client-dog teams at no cost to our clients. We also provide lifetime support at no charge to every active team, including post-placement follow-up, ongoing refresher and new-skills training, recertification, successor dogs, and advocacy efforts.

## OUR VETERAN CLIENTS FACE CHALLENGES LIKE:

- ✓ Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)
- ✓ Traumatic brain injury (TBI)
- ✓ Loss of limbs or mobility due to combat-related injuries

## OUR SERVICE DOGS HELP VETERANS BY:

- ✓ Creating space around them in public places
- ✓ Interrupting nightmares and flashbacks
- ✓ Finding and retrieving dropped items
- ✓ Turning lights on and off
- ✓ Providing a sense of security through constant physical presence

**“Reef has opened so many doors for me. She helps me go up and down stairs and motivates me to keep moving, even when I am hurting or tired. She**

*gives me confidence*

**to leave my home, be in crowds, and enjoy being out more than I have for a very long time!”**

**- CHRIS, U.S. Army veteran, husband, and father who graduated with service dog Reef in 2021**



*Learn more!*



Freedom Service Dogs of America (FSD) is a Denver-based nonprofit that transforms lives by partnering people with custom-trained assistance dogs. Our clients include veterans and active-duty military with PTSD, children and teens with autism, and people with physical disabilities. Since 1987, FSD has graduated hundreds of client-dog teams at no cost to our clients.



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**Josh**

U.S. Air Force veteran, graduated with service dog, Champion, in 2020

"Champ has become more than a service dog to me. He has become my wingman, my loyal companion, and my 'forever' best friend. I couldn't imagine my life without him. I will forever be grateful to Freedom Service Dogs and their mission, as they provided me with a well-mannered, well-trained service dog who has allowed me to enjoy life again. Veterans have provided the nation with a sense of security and peace of mind; Freedom Service Dogs reciprocates that feeling to the veterans they serve.