

SALUTING OUR BRAVE WARRIORS

OUR MISSION

Introduce and promote the healing nature of the underwater world to our nation's wounded, ill, and injured heroes and their families by engaging in camaraderie, recreation, education, service, and conservation efforts.

OUR VISION

Encourage a new generation of Veterans to utilize the holistic healing nature of the natural world around them by regularly engaging in recreation, service, and conservation efforts in and around the aquatic world.



Georgia Aquarium, through its **Military Salute Program**, is committed to serving the brave men and women who have served us. So far, thousands of participants have experienced the therapeutic nature of our Veterans Immersion Program, and hundreds of bereaved family members have received support through our Gold Star initiatives.



Veterans Immersion Program (VIP)

allows wounded, ill, or injured military personnel to snorkel or dive in Ocean Voyager Built by The Home Depot.



Military Mondays offers free admission to all current and former members of the United States military on Mondays during the months of November and December, as well as on Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, and Veterans Day.



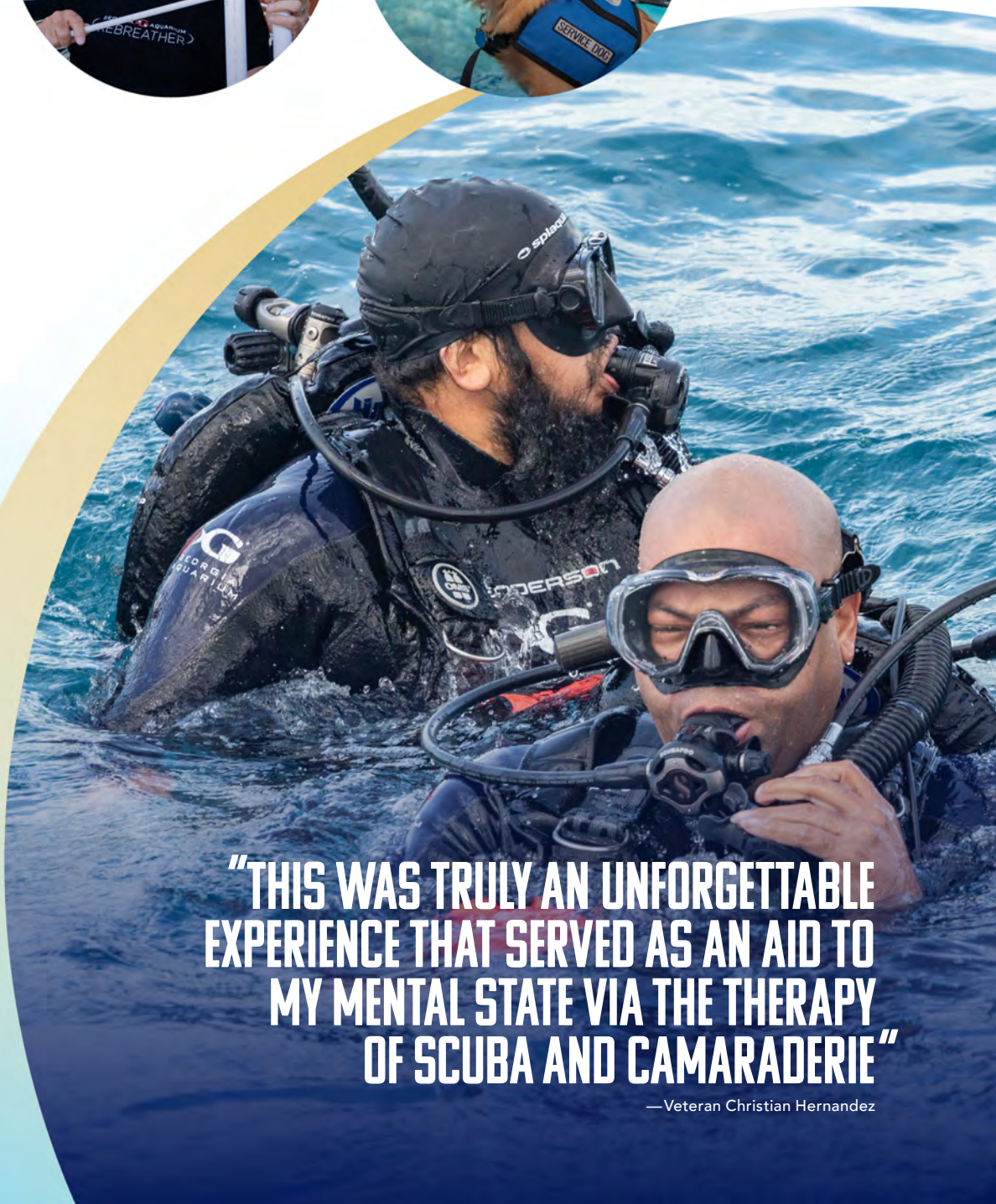
Gold Star Families serves to honor the families of fallen military by hosting large-scale events for support groups.



Veterans Field Dive Program

focuses on engagement, recreation, conservation, education, and service in the field. We often work with coral restoration organizations within National Marine Sanctuaries.





Military Re-Enlistments/Promotions/Retirements

take place inside or outside the 6.3-million-gallon exhibit, Ocean Voyager Built by The Home Depot.



Veteran Professional Development is a six-week program, which teaches new skills through exposure to Georgia Aquarium careers.



Education Programs allow veterans and their families to experience the Aquarium in a deeper way.



Outreach through multiple organizations to build a community of support for the program, veterans, and their families.



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—Veteran Christian Hernandez

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WORK ARE THERAPEUTIC AND CAN
BE AN IMPORTANT COMPONENT OF
HEALING FOR DISABLED VETERANS"**

—Veteran Bob Taradash

GEORGIA AQUARIUM'S MILITARY SALUTE PROGRAM IS FUNDED ENTIRELY THROUGH PRIVATE SUPPORT. You can be an integral part of ensuring we reach as many veterans and Gold Star families as possible with these incredible opportunities.

THE MILITARY SALUTE PROGRAM offers individuals, corporations, and foundations the opportunity to donate funds to support these important programs at Georgia Aquarium — promoting warrior rehabilitation through positive, life-changing experiences with some of the world's most magnificent animals. Gold Star recognizes the challenges family members face from the sacrifice of their loved ones and provides an opportunity to bond with those who truly understand their grief while utilizing the Aquarium and encounters within as a backdrop for healing.



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deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

SUPPORT OUR VETERANS

HELP US SUPPORT OUR VETERANS and those who have lost loved ones in the service of our nation. Through your support Georgia Aquarium can make a difference in the lives of so many who have sacrificed so much in support of our freedom. Please consider donating to Military Salute at **GeorgiaAquarium.org/Donations**.

FOR MORE INFORMATION on how you can support Military Salute's mission at Georgia Aquarium, please contact Jason Bush, Manager of Military Salute, at **404.581.4073** or **jbush@georgiaaquarium.org**.