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From Housing to Healing: VyStar Foundation Supports Veteran Services in Metro Atlanta

ATLANTA, GA - VyStar Foundation recognized three outstanding nonprofit organizations in Metro Atlanta for their unwavering commitment to supporting military members, veterans, and their families. As part of the Foundation's overall \$217,000 investment to support veteran services in 2025, each of these organizations received funding to expand their vital programs that address food and housing insecurity, work force development, and mental health.

"At VyStar Foundation, we believe honoring our military means more than words, it means action," said Patricia McElroy, President of VyStar Foundation. "These grants reflect our deep gratitude and unwavering commitment to supporting the well-being and success of our service members, veterans, and their families. Together with our nonprofit partners, we are building stronger, more resilient communities."

The recipients were recognized prior to Sister Act at Marietta's Theatre in the Square on September 20.

2025 Metro Atlanta Military Grant Recipients and Program Highlights:

- **The Small Business Nation, Inc.** - Launching a Veteran Small Business Incubator at the WeATL Workforce & Entrepreneurship Center in Stockbridge, GA.
- **Top Dogg K9 Foundation** – Expanding access to mental health services for veterans facing long VA wait times and stigma-related barriers.
- **Veterans Empowerment Organization of GA** - Providing housing assistance, employment readiness, and mental health services for homeless veterans.

VyStar Foundation supports nonprofit organizations in Georgia, North and Central Florida. Since 2023, the Foundation has awarded \$1.3 million in grants to local organizations, reinforcing its mission to build strong communities and improve lives through strategic philanthropy.

Grants through VyStar Foundation are available to 501(c)(3) organizations whose purpose and mission align with the Foundation's strategic giving pillars:

- **Military:** Ensuring active military members, veterans and their families receive the social services they need and the recognition they deserve
- **Youth:** Empowering youth by providing equitable access to creative learning environments
- **Community Building:** Cultivating financially strong, culturally vibrant, and interconnected communities

To learn more about VyStar Foundation and upcoming grant information sessions, visit vystarfoundation.org.

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Established in 2021, VyStar Foundation is the grantmaking arm of VyStar Credit Union, dedicated to making meaningful impacts in the communities we serve. As a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, the Foundation funds local non-profits to support youth, military members, veterans, and enhance community vitality. For more information, please visit vystarfoundation.org.