



## “20 IMPORTANT FACTS ABOUT THE SMILEFAITH VETERANS COMMUNITY DENTAL CLINIC IN NEW PORT RICHEY”

1. SmileFaith Foundation is truly, “VETERANS HELPING VETERANS.”
2. To every Veteran, we want to say, from the bottom of our hearts, “THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!”
3. Pasco County has about 50,000 Veteran residents, and the Greater Tampa Bay area has over 300,000 total Veteran residents.
4. Unfortunately, approximately 95% of all Veterans do not have access to (do not qualify for) VA dental benefits.
5. SmileFaith can provide a list of "free or low cost" dental care options in the Tampa Bay Area for Veterans that have urgent dental needs or cannot otherwise wait to be seen by SmileFaith.
6. SmileFaith currently has over 2,500 Veterans on the dental waiting list.
7. We are working hard to see each patient, however because of limited resources, SmileFaith is averaging more than six months to work Veterans into the dental schedule to be seen.
8. SmileFaith's basic dental services for under-served Veterans are free.
9. SmileFaith has a limited staff supported by many wonderful volunteers. SmileFaith relies on caring volunteer dentists and dental teams to give their time to Veterans lacking VA dental care.
10. SmileFaith was started almost ten years ago by a Veteran with a vision to help Veterans and others to smile again. We are FAITH-BASED, and love to pray for each Veteran!
11. SmileFaith is not affiliated with the VA (Veterans Administration) in any way.
12. SmileFaith is not a government organization and does not receive government grants or government funds.
13. SmileFaith is a private, 501c3 nonprofit organization funded only by donations from caring individuals, organizations, ministries, foundations, and businesses.
14. We desire to help every under-served Veteran with free dental services, but we can only help as funds and resources are made available.
15. SmileFaith is the only private, nonprofit organization in the country helping Veterans with free dental care year round.
16. We have discovered that the average Veteran that SmileFaith serves has not visited a dentist office in at least 10 years due to the high cost of oral health.
17. Few, if any, dental charities provide free services beyond basic care (i.e. cleanings, fillings, extractions).
18. SmileFaith has plans for a full service lab to enable Veterans to receive crowns, partials, dentures, bridges, etc., however this is a very costly undertaking. The lab completion date cannot be established at this time, but plans are in motion to bless our Veterans with this service. Please get the word out! Please give for the sake of our Veterans!
19. Veterans needing dental services for procedures such as implants, bridges, partials, dentures, etc. are encouraged to seek help elsewhere at this time.
20. **Remember: SmileFaith can provide a list of "free or low cost" dental care options in the Tampa Bay Area for Veterans that have urgent dental needs or cannot otherwise wait to be seen. Please ask!**

**“THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!”**