

## 2016 Veterans Smile Day “Serving Those Who Served” — A Tremendous Success for GHDS & Community Partners!

**WOW!** What a stellar day for the Greater Houston Dental Society & Welch Dental Group along with our community partners on Saturday, November 5 for the second annual Veterans Smile Day at Welch Dental in Katy. With an outstanding success, we more than doubled our numbers from last year, with 210 veterans registered and had treated over 150 onsite with free dental services valued at over \$75,000 including exams, X-rays, cleanings, fillings, extractions and endodontic services.

From 2016 Participating Veteran, Shanika Myers: “Good morning, I would like to personally thank you for honoring those who serve. It is definitely not the most glamorous job in the world or a job with the best pay. Many of us make great sacrifices away from our families to protect the freedom and liberties of others and it is something we do without expect of reward and at times we are ridiculed for it, so it’s so nice to be appreciated. I sincerely thank you for making us Veterans feel like Super Stars! Blessings to you and your co-workers and staff members.”

A huge THANK YOU to the Welch Dental Group for allowing use of their facilities and to their awesome staff! Many thanks to our 150 event volunteers as well as the community organizations who gave support so that we could make this event possible: Association of Vietnamese American Dentists, Chick-Fil-A, Fiesta Mart, Greater Houston Dental Alliance, Henry Schein, Hiossen, Houston Endodontic Specialists, Midwest Dental Supply, Northwestern Mutual, Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons of Houston, Phelps Commercial Realty, Dr. Katie To Family & Cosmetic Dentistry, and The Bagel Cafe’.



(L-R) Dr. Victor Rodriguez, Dr. Duc “Duke” Ho, U.S. Congressman John Culberson & Mrs. Culberson, and Dr. Ingrid Duebbert with Ly Luong of Hiossen.



Past Dental Health Chair Dr. Michelle Aguilos-Thompson and her sister Marlene with Estelle Luckenbach and Thanh Thuong



Veterans complete paperwork at patient check-in



GHDS President Dr. Victor Rodriguez with Sgt. Young and Sgt. Moore, participants of the 2016 Veterans Smile Day event.



Some of our wonderful team leaders and volunteers.



Veteran & Endodontist provider Dr. Brad Hajdik (center) with (L-R) Susan McKee, Charlotte Bolls, and Deby Mayo.



Dental Health Chair Dr. Gary Williams welcomes and provides an overview of the workflow to volunteers.



GHDS Immediate Past President/Welch Dental's Dr. Duc “Duke” Ho cares for veteran.