

Steve Schwab

CEO, Elizabeth Dole Foundation

Steve Schwab is a national leader and voice for the nation's millions of military and veteran caregivers, and their families. He has closely advised senior leaders in every sector, addressed audiences across the country, and testified before Congress about the challenges faced by America's military families and advocated for legislative and regulatory solutions to support them.



As CEO of the Elizabeth Dole Foundation, Steve spearheads the country's preeminent organization empowering, supporting, and honoring military and veteran caregivers. He has grown the Foundation's staff, programs, development, and partnerships over the past seven years, managed the launch of the Hidden Heroes campaign, established the Hidden Heroes Cities program, launched a no-cost national respite program for military caregivers, and successfully championed the expansion of the Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers to caregivers of every war era. Since 2018, Steve has led the Foundation's successful signature fundraising event, Heroes and History Makers: An Evening with Elizabeth and Bob Dole toward raising tens of millions of dollars for the organization's mission.

Steve is an Executive Producer of Sky Blossom, an Academy Award qualifying film that provides a raw, uplifting window into 24.5 million children and millennials stepping forward as frontline heroes caring for a family member or veteran at home. He also chairs the Board of Directors of PsychArmor, the nation's premier non-profit for providing free education and support for all Americans to engage effectively with the military community. Previously, Steve was head of external affairs for the National Cathedral, overseeing fundraising, marketing, and communications.

Steve came to the Washington, DC area after serving in three senior leadership roles in his hometown of Rochester, NY. He was Vice President for Development at the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra after serving as Deputy Chief of Staff to Rochester, NY Mayor Robert J. Duffy and just prior as head of corporate development and relations for Rochester Institute of Technology. Steve started his career in New York City where he first worked in politics and then served subsequently as Special Assistant to the President and Director of Partner Development for the New York City Partnership and Chamber of Commerce.

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