



# Volunteer of the Month

## December 2017

*Sal Cutino*



Sal Cutino is the Buddy-to-Buddy December 2017 Volunteer of the Month! After retiring from the Air Force Dental Corp in 2014, Sal knew he wanted to find a way to work with Veterans. As a Clinical Associate Professor of Dentistry at the University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry, he noticed that there were quite a few Veterans coming through the clinic there who didn't have the means to pay for dental care. This spurred him to search online for an organization that would enable him to help fellow Veterans, and that's how he found Buddy-to-Buddy. Sal has now been a Volunteer Veteran since December 2016, and throughout this past year he's been an excellent resource for program staff to refer Veterans needing dental care.

Sal enlisted in the Air Force and served from 1979-1983 before separating in order to attend dental school at the University of Detroit. After earning a dental degree, he received his commission from the Air Force and then served for 25 more years at many duty stations stateside and abroad.

As a B2B Volunteer Veteran, Sal says he's enjoyed "a sense of giving back, that I've been able to help someone who may not have had the knowledge to find resources to take care of their dental needs." Sal is a member of American Legion Post 147 in Northville and will soon also be volunteering in service to other Veterans with the VA's No Veteran Dies Alone program.

Sal and his wife Carrie have three sons. He's an avid traveler who loves spending time Up North and is now building a cottage on a piece of land there that he's owned since he was 18 years old.

**We're so glad you are part of the program, Sal!**