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Danica Gonzalves serves as the program lead for The Veterans Consortium's Discharge Upgrade Program, sponsored by the DAV Charitable Service Trust. Danica originally joined TVC in 2017 as an Equal Justice Works Fellow and was sponsored by AT&T and Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP.

Danica leads the Discharge Upgrade Program team, which reviews discharge cases and primarily represents veterans who received an Other Than Honorable discharge due to misconduct related to Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, Military Sexual Trauma, traumatic brain injury and other related mental health issues. TVC's Discharge Upgrade team also recruits and trains pro bono attorneys to represent veterans before Discharge Review Boards and Boards for Correction of Military Records.

TVC's Discharge Upgrade Program has been in existence for more than two years and has already provided help to over 2,000 veterans, either by providing direct legal representation or other support.

Danica is a George Washington University Law School alum and currently lives in Washington, D.C. Her studies encompassed mental health law, healthcare, and disability rights. During law school, she founded Active Minds at The George Washington University Law School, a student organization raising mental health awareness on campus. She also serves as a speaker for mental health advocacy events. When she is not working, Danica enjoys dancing, photography, and traveling.

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