



Vet Corps

WASHINGTON STATE



AN AMERICORPS FUNDED PROGRAM

OUR GOAL

Empower and support those who served, their families, and our communities. By providing peer-based assistance for military connected individuals seeking continued education and training.

OVERVIEW

Why is the program needed?

- Veterans experience a challenging transition into civilian life.
 - Limited experience with higher education.
 - Classmates are younger/different experiences.
 - Challenges with academic skills (e.g. math).
 - Challenges with class content and/or faculty.

“For outcomes, to me, if we can prevent a veteran from being homeless, provide a veteran a resource to ameliorate family problems and provide mental health stability, and save a life. Those are the outcomes.”

IMPACT ON VETERANS

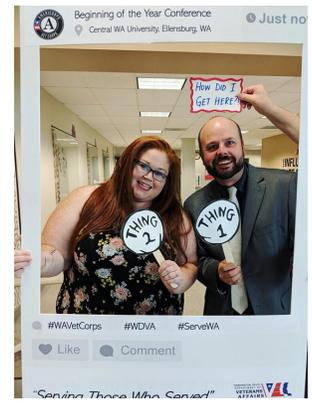
- + 6% Fall to spring retention at colleges in partnership with Vet Corps, when compared to non-partner colleges.*
- + 5.9% completion by veterans at colleges served by Vet Corps, when compared to non-partner colleges.*
- Surveyed Vet Corps Members:
 - 86% agreed their service made a difference
 - 86% agreed their service was interesting
 - 82% agreed they are likely to seek volunteer opportunities in the future
 - 78% agreed their service will positively influence their future employment plans

* 2017 - WDVA: Vet Corps Impact Evaluation, Illuminate Evaluation Services

In military culture, you are taught there is a mission greater than yourself. When they get out [of the military], they often need a second mission. If veterans are given some support and have an opportunity to give back... research shows their own resiliency kicks in.”

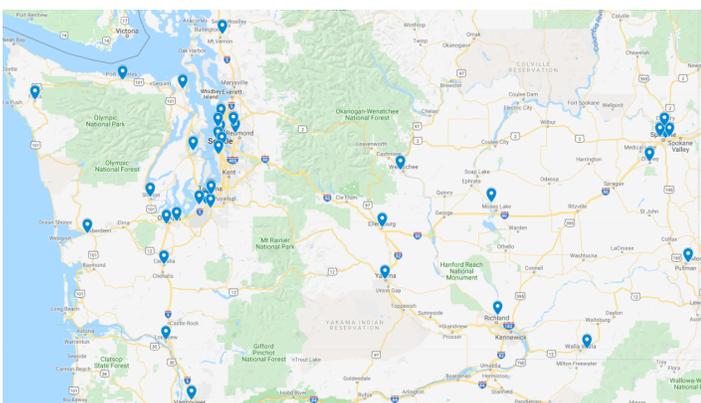
OUTCOMES ACHIEVED

- Referrals for the following concerns:
 - Mental Health / PTSD
 - G.I. Bil Benefits
 - Tutoring Services
 - Financial Assistance
 - Employment Assistance



OUR SERVICES

- 50 veterans, dependents, or spouses placed in colleges, universities, or other community-based sites.
 - Provide peer mentoring, direct support, resources and referrals for other services.
 - Assist individuals in connecting to federal, state, and local veteran's benefits.
 - Provide training and support for site-based faculty and staff members.
 - Establish community partnerships to provide additional support and to obtain opportunities for students to engage in community service.
- Create institutional change in colleges, universities, and other post-secondary education programs; and
- Provide leadership development and leadership opportunities for Vet Corps Members.



IMPACT ON SITES

- Awareness and understanding of student veteran's needs to site-level staff.
- Resources dedicated to serving veterans.
- Integrating veterans into campus life.
- Coordination of service projects and partnerships for veterans and family members.

"It is important to get involved with the campus and to join clubs. It is helpful to get veterans involved in a volunteer program. There are three things people need: a friend, a job and that can be making coffee or organizing something, and they need a purpose and value and belief in what they are doing. That will get people to stay. I think that starts the minute the veteran walks into the Veterans Center. As we build on those, you gain friends and connections."

REQUIREMENTS & BENEFITS

- Vet Corps: Full-term
 - 1700 hrs or 42.5 hrs/wk
 - \$1,399.20 month stipend
 - \$6,195 service award for completing the full year
- Site Commitment:
 - \$3000.00 fee
 - Site Supervisor
 - Space(Desk, etc.)

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