

“Having served our nation in peacetime and war, our veterans deserve more than unemployment lines and endless job searching. As Americans, we must begin to first acknowledge that our veterans are struggling to transition into this bleak job market at home, and second, we must work together to create more solutions to make their lives and their families’ lives easier.”

– William W. (Bill) Doe III, PhD
 CEO, Veterans Green Jobs
 U.S. Army Veteran



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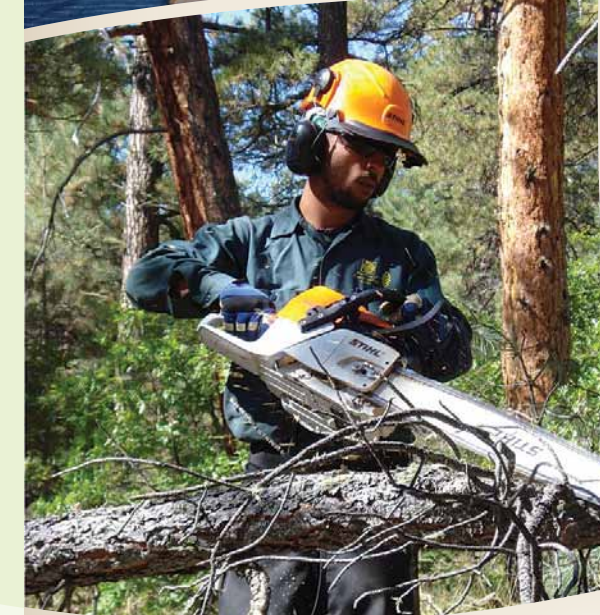
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**MEANINGFUL CAREERS
 FOR VETERANS
 IN THE GREEN SECTOR**



**VETERANS
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**DOING OUR PART TO
 INCREASE VETERANS’
 EMPLOYMENT**

Veterans Green Jobs (VGJ) is a national, nonprofit organization headquartered in Denver, Colorado. We assist military veterans in successfully reintegrating into their communities, and we guide them toward fulfilling careers in a variety of environmental job sectors.

Founded in 2008, VGJ is set apart from other veteran-oriented organizations because we focus exclusively on jobs related to environmental sustainability:

- ▶ Energy efficiency / energy conservation
- ▶ Clean / renewable energy
- ▶ Green construction / building
- ▶ Natural resources / conservation
- ▶ Environmental remediation / response
- ▶ Sustainable agriculture

We are also unique in that we strategically partner with business, government, academic and nonprofit entities to maximize training, education and job opportunities for veterans seeking careers in the emerging green economy.

Equipped with transferable skills, tools, resources and experiences that boost their employability, former members of the armed forces are able to carve out new and exciting career paths, serving our communities and the nation in meaningful ways.

VGJ’s vision for the future is that all military veterans will be able to achieve...

- ▶ A secure and sustainable income for themselves and their families.
- ▶ An opportunity for professional advancement.
- ▶ A sense of personal fulfillment and purpose.
- ▶ Encouragement and support in being valued leaders and contributors in their chosen fields.

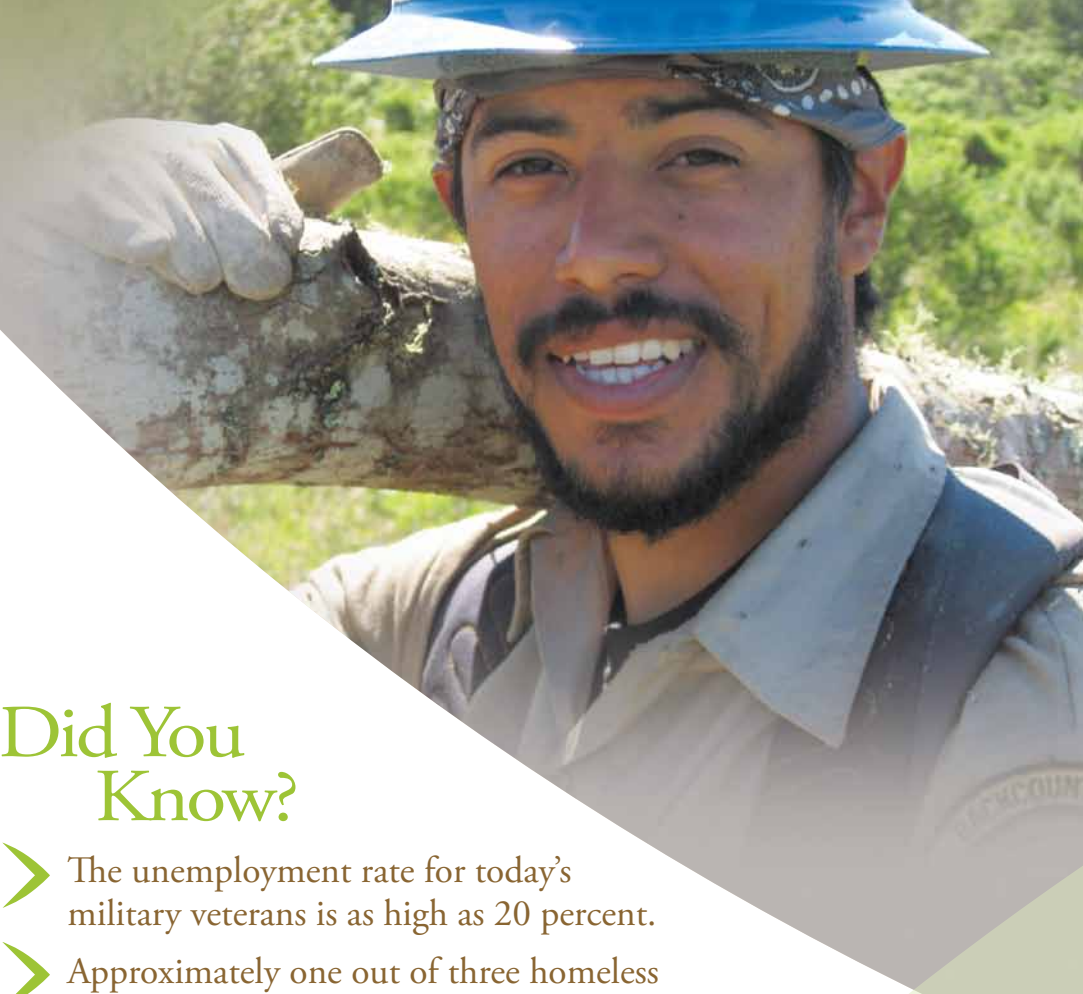


Did You Know?

- The unemployment rate for today’s military veterans is as high as 20 percent.
- Approximately one out of three homeless adults in the U.S. is a veteran.
- Veterans account for about 20 percent of the estimated 30,000 suicides committed annually in the U.S.

The fact that veterans returning from military service in modern-day conflicts are experiencing unprecedented transition issues due to joblessness, homelessness and health concerns is unacceptable. Veterans offer numerous skills and attributes – such as discipline, leadership and a strong sense of duty – that make them valuable assets to the U.S. economy.

VGJ believes that the pressing challenges facing our nation’s former military servicemen and women can be addressed by helping all veterans – regardless of age or era served – find employment that offers purpose, stability and a productive pathway to the future.



OUR WORK

At Veterans Green Jobs (VGJ), we are leveraging many career opportunities that are focused on environmental sustainability. We share with our strategic partners a commitment to making veteran employment happen with “boots on the ground” – one veteran at a time.

VGJ's signature programs include:

➤ Veterans Green Corps

We provide veteran crews with the training, skills and certification they need to apply for jobs in natural resources and conservation. Program participants can gain firsthand experience in wildland fire mitigation, trail building, noxious weed control, natural habitat restoration and other environmental work on public lands. We partner with conservation corps and government agencies to complete these projects in multiple states.

➤ Home Weatherization

We directly employ veterans and non-veterans who work together to provide energy efficiency services for income-qualified households in Denver, Jefferson County and the San Luis Valley in Colorado. These services help clients conserve energy, improve the health and safety of their homes and lower monthly utility bills. VGJ has a contract with the Colorado Governor's Energy Office to complete this work in partnership with private service providers.

➤ Veterans Green Force

Our outreach, recruitment and placement agency matches veterans' prior military experience to the skills and qualifications that are required by green sector employers. We also link veterans to certified training and educational opportunities and connect them with available jobs. This program is made possible through strategic alliances with employers, colleges/universities and job trainers.

➤ Go Green Warehouse

VGJ employs and provides entrepreneurial and experiential opportunities for former U.S. servicemen and women who work in our discount home improvement materials store. This retail store, which is open to the public, generates income from warehouse sales to support our job and training programs for veterans. This is VGJ's way of building a self-sustaining entrepreneurial organization to keep our nonprofit programs operating well into the future.

A Permanent Change of Station.

VGJ recognizes a critical national need to reverse the high rates of joblessness among our veteran population, especially those who are homeless, low-income, minorities or women. We equip veterans with the skills needed to seek and acquire green jobs by linking them with classes, training and hands-on experience; referral services for transportation and housing; job placement assistance; and consistent followup across several VGJ program areas. Throughout our work, we constantly seek out ways to help veterans reach — in military terms — *a permanent change of station.*



SERVING VETERANS

“To help people who need the services we offer and to help get military people back into the workforce is an opportunity I'm glad to be experiencing.”
Carlos Espinosa, U.S. Air Force veteran, HVAC manager for Veterans Green Jobs' Denver/Jefferson County Weatherization Services.

“Veterans get to work outside, not sit behind a desk, and be part of a team in beautiful areas. It's like the Army in some ways. You're working for something bigger than yourself.” *Lew Sovocool, U.S. Army veteran, crew leader for Veterans Green Corps.*

SERVING COMMUNITIES

“I'm striving for lower bills, but it's hard to keep track of the energy rates. We can't do these things ourselves anymore. It's a wonderful service Veterans Green Jobs is offering.”
Lois, Denver resident and weatherization client.



“Our clients are overwhelmed with gratitude that there is an organization out here doing this for the community. They see immediate results when they feel the warmth of their house because the air leakages are fixed.”
Rae Venturi, U.S. Army veteran, purchasing inventory manager for San Luis Valley Weatherization Services.



SERVING THE ENVIRONMENT

“The mountains for me are a place where I feel the most alive and truly at peace. I wake up and go to work and see things that most people will never get the chance to see. I am blown away by the landscapes on a daily basis.”
Justin LaBate, U.S. Navy veteran, backcountry trail crew member with Veterans Green Corps.

“I've always been a recycler. But now, I have an even greater sense of duty to the environment. I know what's supposed to go in the trash and what's not. I'm much more aware.” *Andy Garza, U.S. Army veteran, assistant store manager for the Go Green Warehouse.*

