

WASHINGTON STATE
**VETERANS
PEER CORPS**

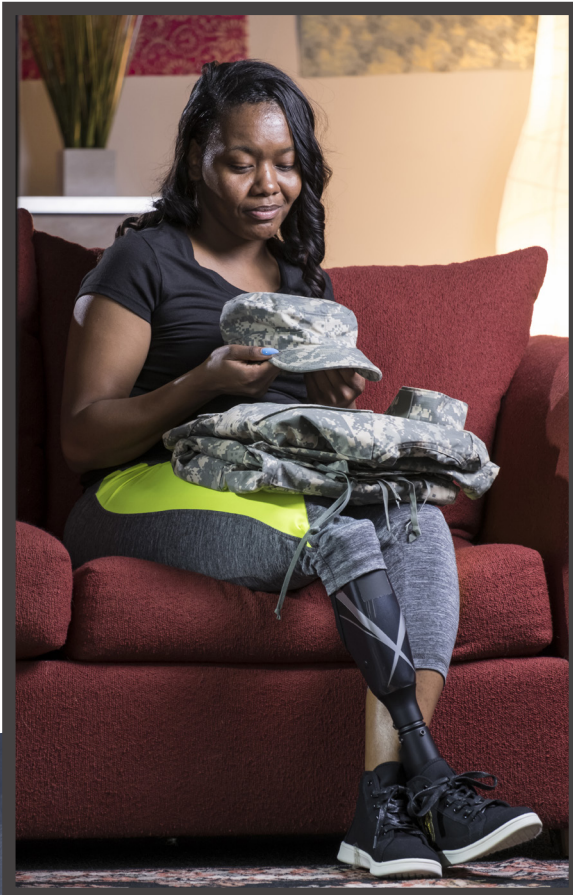
**VETERANS PEER CORPS MISSION
TO SUPPORT, ENCOURAGE, AND
EMPOWER THOSE WHO SERVED
THROUGH LOCAL, COMMUNITY
BASED, PEER MENTORSHIPS.**



"Serving Those Who Served"

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WHAT IS A VETERANS PEER CORPS MENTOR?

Often, there is no better person to talk about experiences with than another Veteran. A Veterans Peer Corps Mentor is a Veteran, or a Veteran's family member, who receives training and certification and then serves as a peer mentor by facilitating meetings and activities. The Veterans Peer Corps gives Veterans places to gather, share experiences and stories, heal together, and ultimately create a sense of a Veteran Community within their own community.

Peer Corps training allows you to become a certified mentor.

- Be a gateway into other earned benefits and services.
- Typical monthly volunteer commitment ranges from 2-6 hours.



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Are you ready to make a difference in the lives of Veterans in your community?

Becoming a Veterans Peer Corps Mentor is one way you can give back!

To become a VPC mentor:

- Contact the VPC Program Coordinator.
- Complete an 8 hour Veteran Training

What do I do if I want to bring a VPC Training to my community?

- Contact VPC@dva.wa.gov
- Identify a host site (local Veteran organization, college campus, etc)
- Set up a date with VPC Coordinator.



VETERANS PEER CORPS MENTOR:

- The determination to turn your passion into mentoring activities, such as:
 - Outdoor events
 - Fishing
 - Sports
 - Meeting with groups or individuals
 - Gaming (video or tabletop games)
 - Coffee shop conversations
- You will also receive support from your Washington State Department of Veteran Affairs in the form of:
 - Ongoing training and updated information on supportive services for Veterans;
 - Direct referrals to WDVA programs like the Veterans Innovations Program, Traumatic Brain Injury Program, Post-Traumatic Stress Counseling, and connection to Veterans Benefits Specialists.

Veterans Peer Corps Mentors know that sometimes the best way for a Veteran to talk about their experiences is with another Veteran.

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