

# Agenda

- ✓ **Why We're Here**
- ✓ **CNCS, Veterans and Military Families**
- ✓ **Working with VA Medical Centers**
- ✓ **Working with VA Voluntary Service Organizations**
- ✓ **Next Steps**

# **Wounded Warriors, Veterans, and Military Families**

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# Veterans and Military Family Programs

## The Why

“It’s incredibly important for our Warriors to connect with their local communities and to feel like a productive part of their communities, and volunteering ... helps with both.”

- Lt. Col. Jason Wing,  
Warrior Transition Battalion commander.

# Veterans and Military Family Programs

## The Presidential Call

"I ask every American: recruit our veterans ... If you're a business owner, hire them. If you're a community leader, a mayor, a pastor, a preacher, call on them to join your efforts ... Organize your community to make a sustained difference in the life of a veteran, because that veteran can make an incredible difference in the life of your community."

*President Obama Remarks – Arlington National Cemetery (2011)*

# **Veterans and Military Family Programs**

## **Mission Statement**

**Over the next five years we will increase our investments in emerging and established programs to address the needs of veterans and military families.**

**Our focus includes programs that both provide service to veterans and military families, as well as those that engage them in leading our service initiatives.**

# Veterans and Military Family Programs

## New Performance Measures

- Number of veterans that received CNCS-supported assistance.
- Number of family members of active duty military service members that received CNCS-supported assistance.
- Number of veterans' family members that received CNCS-supported assistance.
- Number of active duty military service members that received CNCS-supported assistance.
- Number of veterans engaged in service opportunities as a National Service Participant or volunteer.
- Number of military family members engaged in service opportunities as a National Service participant or volunteer.

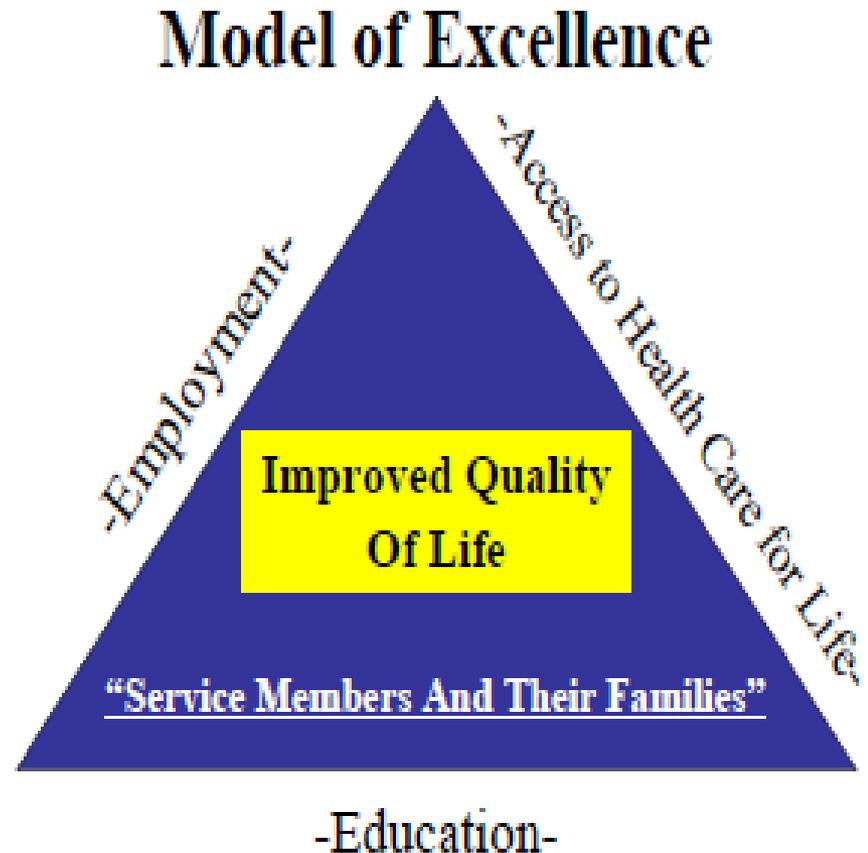
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- Number of Guard and Reservists that received CNCS-supported assistance.
- Number of Guard and Reservists engaged in service opportunities as a National Service Participant or volunteer.

# Veterans and Military Family Programs

## Core Focus Areas (DoD)

“Donations of tangibles can help, but equally important is the intangible of time. Elements of the Sea of Goodwill can volunteer to provide respite childcare to give the spouse a break, or can volunteer to run errands. These are ways, beyond governmental assistance, to assist family members as they provide direct care.”



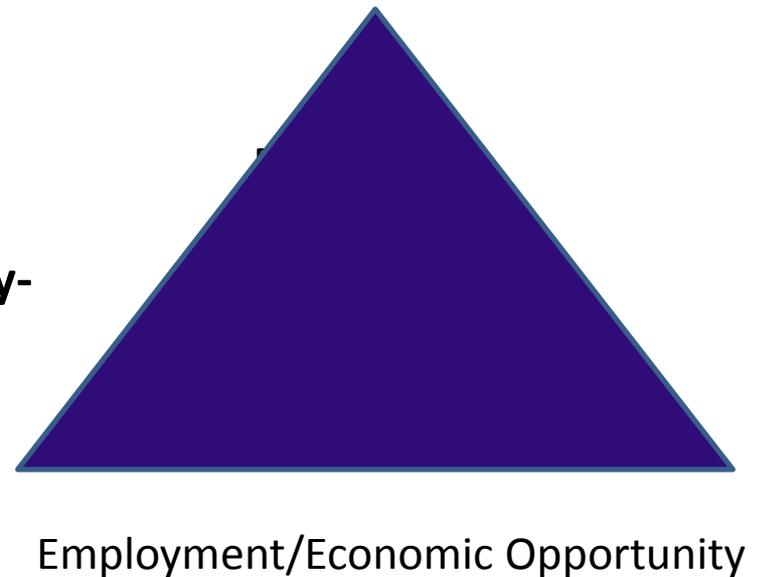
- Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff “Sea of Goodwill “ (2010)

# Veterans and Military Family Programs

## Aligning our Core Focus Areas

“CNCS-supported members, participants and volunteers will engage in or develop proven or promising activities that provide, support and/or facilitate veterans and military service members and their families’ access to:

- Services that improve **educational attainment**;
- Safe, affordable housing; and other **quality-of-life improvements**.
- **Workforce development** resources and services;



# Veterans and Military Families - Veterans Volunteer Rate Rankings by State

1 Nebraska 35.9 %	21 Illinois 27.5 %	
2 Utah 35.4 %	22 North Carolina 27.4 %	40 New York 23.4 %
3 Minnesota 35.0 %	23 Missouri 27.1 %	42 Arizona 22.9 %
4 Iowa 34.3 %	24 Georgia 26.7 %	43 Alabama 22.6 %
4 Virginia 34.3 %	24 Wyoming 26.7 %	44 Delaware 22.4 %
6 South Dakota 34.2 %	26 California 26.6 %	45 Louisiana 22.0 %
7 Kansas 34.0 %	27 Michigan 26.2 %	45 West Virginia 22.0 %
8 Maryland 33.9 %	28 Texas 25.8 %	47 Rhode Island 21.9 %
9 Vermont 33.5 %	29 Massachusetts 25.6 %	48 Florida 21.1 %
10 Alaska 31.7 %	30 South Carolina 25.5 %	49 Arkansas 19.5 %
11 Connecticut 31.4 %	31 New Jersey 25.3 %	49 Nevada 19.5 %
12 Wisconsin 30.0 %	31 Oregon 25.3 %	51 Kentucky 17.4 %
13 Washington 29.6 %	33 New Hampshire 25.1 %	
14 Idaho 29.5 %	34 Indiana 24.7 %	
15 Maine 29.4 %	35 Hawaii 24.4 %	
16 Colorado 29.2 %	35 Ohio 24.4 %	
17 New Mexico 28.9 %	37 North Dakota 24.3 %	
18 Mississippi 28.4 %	38 Oklahoma 24.1 %	
19 Tennessee 28.3 %	39 Pennsylvania 23.5 %	
20 Montana 28.0 %	40 District of Columbia 23.4 %	

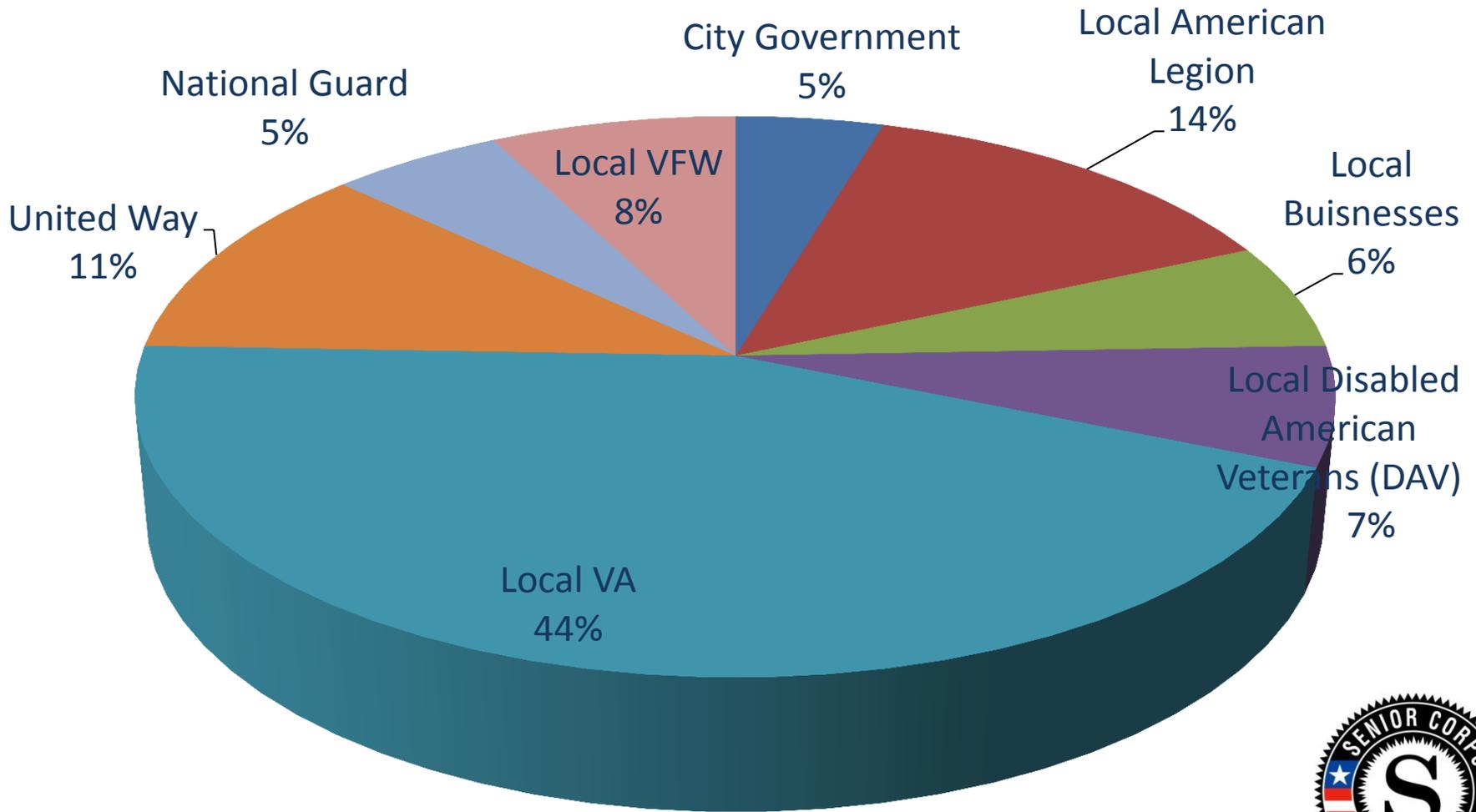
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## Snapshot 2012

**182 RSVP Projects and 4,199 RSVP Volunteers are involved in Veteran and Military Family initiatives**



# Veteran and Military Family Sample Partnerships



# Veteran and Military Family

## Program Highlights – Empower Communities

- AmeriCorps VISTA and Habitat for Humanity in California, completed a 27 home development in partnership with veteran and active duty military families.
- Sponsors included JPMorgan Chase, Bank of America Foundation and more than 1,500 local donors. Camp Pendleton’s Base Commander, Chaplain, and troops gave thousands of volunteer hours.

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- Lt. Col. Jason Wing, Warrior Transition Battalion Cdr.

# Veteran and Military Family

## Program Highlights – Employ Talents

- RSVP engages more than 400,000 people nationwide.
- The Income Tax Assistance Program provides tax assistance for low income individuals through the Senior Corps program of Clinton, MO.

"RSVP has kept me active and engaged, providing me a way to give back to my community."

- Vern Truemper, 89, WWII Army Air Corps Veteran and lead volunteer in the Clinton, MO Tax Assistance Program .

# Veteran and Military Family

## Program Highlights – Expand Needed Service

- To help us address the needs of our unemployed and underemployed veterans, we applied for and won a State AmeriCorps grant.
- Each year, 500 veterans will receive employability instruction and guidance in individual or group settings that are facilitated by AmeriCorps members.

“With just a minimal investment, we can expand and advertise our program to help more veterans reenter the workforce and start to pay taxes again, rather than relying on government services.” – AMVETS Ohio Executive Director Testimony (2011)

# Veterans and Military Families - Where We Go From Here – **More Serving**

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- National Service Inclusion Project  
Interviewee (2010)

- Veterans feel a sense of belonging and regain their identity through service and volunteerism.
- National Service gives veterans and soldiers the opportunity to get back into the workforce and develop new skill sets.
- Service and volunteerism is a satisfying and structured opportunity to serve our country in another way.
- Veterans find that helping others is a way to help themselves.

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- Developing “vet-to-vet” and “mission oriented” models
- More career and skill counselors
- More senior mentorship for “Life skills”
- More “peer-to-peer” counseling (VetSuccess) models
- Improved access to healthcare
- Financial literacy programs
- Leverage existing non-profits to capacity build

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