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CONSERVATION
CORPS**

VETERANS GREEN CORPS

NEW SKILLS FOR A NEW CAREER

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Veterans Green Corps (VGC) is a field-based opportunity for post 9/11 Armed Forces Veterans and Service Members modeled after the Civilian Conservation Corps. Each season members address a variety of conservation needs while building on their skills in preparation for positions in resource management and wildland fire. Participants enroll as AmeriCorps members who dedicate a term of service to the betterment of America's public lands.

Enrolling in a term with VGC is not a job; it's a commitment to service, community, and the environment. While this is a challenging experience, the rewards are great. Members serve in some of the Rocky Mountain's most coveted regions, become efficient in chainsaw operation and maintenance, reinforce their leadership skills, and work in a high-performing team of peers.

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"I would encourage all my fellow veterans, to rise up and try something different by spending a summer with Montana Conservation Corps. I now realize how much of a life changing experience it really was for me."

"I had the opportunity to be myself. I was able to have my own experiences and use my military attributes in a positive way while continuing to grow personally." – Jovan V., 2014 Corps Member



VETERANS GREEN CORPS 2017

Veterans Green Corps is based in Helena, Montana in MCC's Central Divide Region for an 11-week summer session. VGC crews work with agencies such as USFS, NPS, USFWS, and BLM. Project work consistently involves the use of chainsaws for fuels reduction or thinning projects. However, it may also include trail maintenance, structure building, and addressing many other land accessibility issues in national forests. Participants will spend the majority of their time camping, so relocation is not necessary.

BENEFITS

- \$650 bi-weekly living stipend
- \$1,221.96 AmeriCorps education award upon completion of service term
- Certifications in chainsaw use and Intro to Wildland Fire Behavior
- 300+ hours of fuels reduction training and hands-on skill development
- The opportunity to network with land management employers
- VA approved non-college degree (NCD) training program

QUALIFICATIONS

- Must have served or are currently serving in the US Armed Forces and have a DD 214
- High school degree, GED, or willingness to work towards obtaining a GED
- Commitment to complete the entire term of service
- Desire to serve the community and the environment
- Willingness to work long hard hours in all weather conditions
- Ability to lift up to 20 pounds repeatedly and use hand tools
- Ability to hike in rugged terrain, often carrying tools

Veterans with an honorable discharge or general discharge under honorable conditions are encouraged to apply. Qualified individuals with disabilities and those from diverse backgrounds are also encouraged to apply. Program dates and details may be subject to change.



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