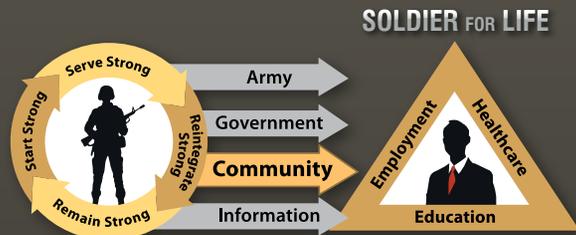


Mission

Soldier for Life enables Army, governmental, and community efforts to facilitate successful reintegration of our Soldiers, Veterans, and their Families in order to keep them Army Strong and instill their values, ethos, and leadership within communities.



Endstate

Soldiers, Veterans, and Families leave military service “career ready” and find an established network of enablers connecting them with the employment, education, and health care required to successfully reintegrate into civilian society.

Soldier for Life Objectives

- **Mindset:** Inculcate Soldier for Life mindset across our Army Family
- **Access:** Improve Soldier, Veteran, and Family access to employment, education and healthcare
- **Relationships:** Encourage community relationships that embrace, support, and enable Soldiers, Veterans, and their Families
- **Trust:** Enable Army, government and community efforts to sustain the all volunteer Army

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“Soldiers past and present are selfless, disciplined, and innovative. They have lived, served, and led with moral and ethical courage. They are Soldiers for Life and their attributes will make them a welcome addition to any organization. Once a Soldier, Always a Soldier.”

—General Raymond T. Odierno
Chief of Staff, U.S. Army



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“The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional to how they perceive the Veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by their nation.”

—General George Washington
November 10th, 1781

Why Soldier for Life?

Service: America's Army answered the Nation's call following 9/11 and has been engaged in combat operations for more than 11 years, the longest period in our history.

Honor: Our Soldiers, Veterans, and Families have earned the support of a grateful Nation. We must honor their service and sacrifice.

Transition: 130,000 Active, Guard, and Reserve Soldiers will reintegrate into communities each year, more than 1 million over the next 10 years.



"You can take me out of the military, but you can't take the military out of me, I will be a Soldier until the day I die."

*—Jack Tilley
Retired Sergeant Major of the Army*

Soldiers, Families and Veterans

Live the Army Values: Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless-service, Honor, Integrity, Personal courage **and exude the Warrior Ethos:**

- I will always place the mission first
- I will never accept defeat
- I will never quit
- I will never leave a fallen comrade

What is Successful Reintegration?

Soldiers and Families have completed the transition from military to civilian life when embraced by their community with opportunities for employment, education, and healthcare to remain Army Strong.

Employment

- Army service makes our Soldiers Army Strong
- Soldiers leave the Army "Career Ready"
- Veterans are valuable team members
- Hiring Veterans makes great business sense

"Soldiers come with a great set of skills, values, beliefs, and a strong work ethic but one tangible is the leadership trait and quality which greatly benefits businesses and corporations."

*—Raymond F. Chandler III
Sergeant Major of the Army*



Education

- Numerous state and national programs available
- Provides a springboard to better employment
- Veteran mentors are available for assistance

Healthcare

- Wounded Warriors receive the best healthcare and retraining available
- Soldiers and Veterans understand how to access VA benefits using *eBenefits* and *My HealthVet*
- Soldiers are ready to serve their communities



Soldier for Life Focus

- Community Engagement is our main effort
- The components for success are: Employment, Education, and Healthcare
- The Lifecycle of the All-Volunteer Army ensures Soldiers Start Strong, Serve Strong, Reintegrate Strong, and Remain **Army Strong** sharing the Army Story and encouraging America's Sons & Daughters to serve **Army Strong**