

VETERAN Success Project

INVESTING IN HEROES

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The Future Looks Bright

As the 2018 graduation season comes to a close, more than 6,000 graduates celebrate their journey through the Maricopa Community Colleges District, and we couldn't be prouder. [Watch this video](#) that celebrates our student's excellence and educational success.

Your Support Matters

You can make a difference in the lives of our veterans by making a gift to the Veterans Success Project today through the Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation. Not only will your gift provide veterans with the essentials they need, it will go towards long-lasting assistance towards Veterans Centers and other proposed items within the Project, dependent on raising funds to support them.

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Veterans Convocation Celebrates Students Commitment to Education

On May 2, 2018, 50 Maricopa Community College District students were honored at the Veterans Convocation, held at Phoenix College. The highlight of the ceremony was an address given by student Thomas Duran Jr., a veteran who proudly served as a Combat Medic for the US Army from 2004-2013. "Leadership, duty, respect, selfless-service, honor, integrity and personal courage," he told the crowd as he spoke about his journey from drop-out, to graduate, "these seven "Army Values" were instilled in me not only as a soldier, but as a human being." He continued, "being a student has helped me realize that there is still plenty of room for growth. Don't let the road end here, continue to pursue higher degrees and bigger dreams, and never settle for less than you're worth." Congratulations to the class of 2018!



Lots Happening at the Center for Military and Veterans Success-West Valley

Last month, the Center for Military and Veterans Success-West Valley had the unique opportunity to serve Mr. Hannah, a WWII Veteran and Mr. Young, a Korean War Veteran. Both met with the Veteran Benefits Counselor for assistance regarding their VA benefits and claims.

Since its opening in November 2017, the Center has assessed almost 900 individuals including veterans, retirees, Guard and Reservists, as well as family members. 100% of all individuals who identified a need were provided services and/or connected to resources for support.

And that's not all! **Save the date for the next West Valley Veterans Job Club meeting on May 29, at the center.** For more information and to register, call 480-384-9874 or email us by [clicking here](#).

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Let's Hear From You

Do you have an interesting veteran's story you'd like featured? [Click here](#) and tell us all about it.

Do you have questions about the Veterans Success Project? [Click here](#).



It's an honor that U.S. veterans, active reservists, and family members of veterans are among our student body. Both active-duty military personnel and veterans often seek educational support and job training to transition from military service to civilian life, and many will start with a community college.

At Maricopa Community Colleges, services for military personnel and veterans are designed to offer the highest quality assistance. We have a long history of providing education and training, allowing you to enhance existing skills, gain new skills, and translate military training and experience into a rewarding career.

We have an established tradition of providing access to higher education – in other words, we are dedicated to serving those who serve.



Green Zone Training Provides Unique Learning Opportunity

The Maricopa Community College District hosted a Green Zone Training in March at South Mountain Community College to teach sensitivity and awareness training to faculty and staff. The feedback received include that participants felt that the training raised their level of communications competence for daily interactions with veterans, that it helped to gain a better understanding of military dependents and that it created an increased sensitivity for interactions with veterans.

Since 2016, more than 55 of our faculty and staff members have completed Green Zone Training. The next session is scheduled for Wednesday, October 24th from 1-5 p.m. at Scottsdale Community College.



HeroZona Event Provides Networking, Workshops, Entertainment and Much More

Last year AZDVS in partnership with several organizations held HeroZona, in synchronization with the Roadmap to Veteran Employment. This year's event will be kicked off with a breakfast on July 30, 2018. HeroZona is a multi-day networking event for Arizona's veterans that will return to Phoenix, November 13-16, 2018, to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Veterans Day.

Spearheaded by the Checkered Flag Run Foundation, this week long engagement has partnered with Arizona Department of Veterans' Services, Nielsen and new Sponsor Billion Dollar Round table. The series of events pay tribute to the Veteran Entrepreneurs. Participants will have the opportunity to network with large companies that seek to do business with veterans. There will also be professional opportunities through workshops and seminars.

For a full list of the HeroZona events, please [click here](#).



All of our colleges have received the Veteran Supportive Campus designation by the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services. Additionally, MCCCDC is a partner organization of the Military/Veteran Resource Network.



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