

# VETERAN Success Project

## INVESTING IN HEROES

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### July Brings Celebrations and Services for our Veteran Community

As we celebrate Independence Day, we'd like to take this moment to acknowledge and thank those who have served our country. [Click here](#) for a list of 4th of July celebrations across Arizona.

This edition of Investing in Heroes brings you information on some of the latest programs that are now available, services being offered and technologies that are being developed....all on behalf of our veteran community. We also bring you an update from Washington DC, about the new bills that were passed earlier this summer.

### 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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## Save the Date for VA Mental Health Summit September 21st

Maricopa Community Colleges and the Veterans Administration (VA) are partnering to host the annual VA Mental Health Summit on Friday, September 21, 2018 at GateWay Community College. This event will bring together key stakeholders in the community with the goal of enhancing access to mental health services and addressing the mental healthcare needs of veterans and their families. Stay tuned for more information as the date approaches!



### 14 Veterans Bills Passed Prior to Memorial Day

On May 21, 2018, Rep. Phil Roe, M.D. (R-Tenn.), chairman of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, issued a press release announcing that the House had passed 14 veterans bills. His comments were as follows:

*"In the week leading up to one of the most solemn days of remembrance for our nation, it is fitting we take steps to honor the men and women who have served this country by passing legislation to improve the lives of veterans. These measures will provide a cost-of-living-adjustment for disabled veterans; bring increased accountability to the Department of Veterans Affairs; and ensure veterans have access to the care and resources they have earned – to name a few of the provisions included in these important bills. As we honor the memory of the heroes who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation, I am proud the House is coming together once again to move bipartisan legislation to keep our promises to the men and women who have served."*

To learn more about the bills in detail, [click here](#).

### Find Veterans Services at Each College

#### 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.





## West Valley Seeks Veterans Court

The West Valley is looking for support to develop a Veterans Court. These types of courts provide a process that includes prosecutors, defense counsels, judges, and sometimes the federal or local state's Department of Veteran Affairs and other community-based support organizations, all focusing on veterans who are currently in, or entering, the Criminal Justice System.

[This video](#) features dialogue explaining the needs of the West Valley. To read more about this important issue, [click here](#).



## Organization Unites Veterans, Volunteers and the Community

The Mission Continues empowers veterans who are adjusting to life at home to find purpose through community impact. They deploy veterans on new missions in their communities, so that their actions will inspire future generations to serve. Available to all **veterans**, regardless of era/gender/branch of service, The Mission Continues aims to reshape our nation through continued service and newfound camaraderie.

To donate, apply for a Fellowship, join a service platoon or work The Mission Continues, [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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## Access Healthcare Easily with VA Video Connect

Now Veterans can receive healthcare treatment virtually with VA Video Connect from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. This system allows users to connect with health-care teams over live video from a computer, tablet or smart phone directly from home – increasing access to VA health care and reducing travel times. More than 20,000 Veterans have used VA Video Connect to receive care, and currently more than 4,000 VA providers across the country are set up to use the system. [Click here](#) to learn more about VA Video Connect and other apps available from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

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