

A graphic element featuring a compass rose with cardinal and ordinal directions (N, NW, W, SW, S) and a faint map of the United States in the background.

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THE MISSION

Our mission is to build an America where every returning veteran can serve again as a citizen leader, and where together we honor the fallen by living their values through service.

OUR HISTORY

The Mission Continues, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, was founded in 2007 after CEO Eric Greitens returned home from service in Iraq as a Navy SEAL. Upon his return, Eric visited with wounded Marines at Bethesda Naval Hospital in Maryland. Eric asked the Marines what they planned to do now that their time in the military was over. Without exception each Marine expressed an unwavering desire to continue serving his country, even if he could no longer do so in the military. One young Marine even said this: "I lost my legs - that is all. I did not lose my desire to serve, or my pride in being an American." Inspired by this dedication to service, Eric used his combat pay, along with the monthly disability checks of two friends with whom he served, to start The Mission Continues.



FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The Mission Continues challenges post-9/11 wounded and disabled veterans to serve once again in their communities through our Fellowship Program. A typical fellowship covers 14 to 28 weeks, during which the Fellow serves at a local charitable organization for 20 to 40 hours per week. Each Fellow receives a monetary stipend to offset living expenses.

The fellowship provides veterans with the opportunity to translate their military experience into civilian skill sets. Through service, Fellows identify their strengths and gain confidence while serving their communities.

SERVICE PROJECTS

The Mission Continues challenges veterans of all eras and civilians of all ages to serve their country by serving their communities. Service projects provide a place for veterans to be citizen leaders and for all civilians to live the beliefs of veterans while serving by their sides. Many of these projects are performed in memory of a fallen service member.

RESHAPING THE CONVERSATION

Veterans are often told "thank you" when they return home from military service, but they also need to hear "we still need you". The Mission Continues is conducting and disseminating research to show how our returning veterans are tremendous assets whose strengths and leadership can be used to improve communities here at home. Our goal is to fundamentally reshape how our nation welcomes home our veterans.





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