

# INTERESTED IN A WILDLAND FIREFIGHTING or FORESTRY CAREER?

## Join Veterans Fire Corps!

### WHAT IS VETERANS FIRE CORPS?

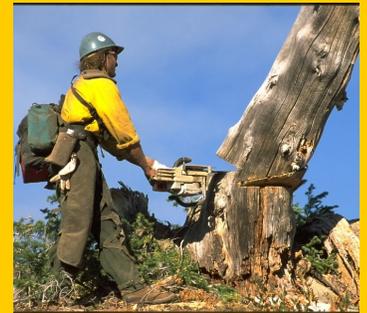
Veterans Fire Corps is a collaborative initiative that builds upon the knowledge, leadership experience and training of men and women who served in the armed forces, retraining and refocusing their mission to protecting our public lands from the threat of wildfire. The model focuses on providing incrementally more challenging experiences for program participants. Initial project work generally includes introductory fuels reduction work, leadership training and potential initial exposure to fire suppression. The experience and trainings provided in the Veteran Fire Corps program are designed to prepare program participants for positions as wildland firefighters.



### WHY JOIN THE VETERAN FIRE CORPS?

#### TO LEAD AND SUCCEED

You can leverage your leadership skills while transitioning back into the civilian workforce. The program is focused on helping veterans transition to civilian life by leveraging their leadership experience to meet pressing conservation needs on public lands while providing job training for future employment in the wildland firefighting field.



#### FOR PURPOSE

You will share a new mission alongside other Veterans. You will be protecting our nation's forests, grasslands and neighboring communities from wildfire while meeting the United States Forest Service's employment needs for the next generation of public land managers and employees.

*"There's a sense of teamwork and camaraderie that exists in wildland firefighting that is very similar to that which we all experienced in the military." — Lew Sovocool*



#### TO GET AHEAD

You will be joining a program with a record of success that provides opportunities for advancement. Past program participants moved on to jobs as wildland firefighters on hand, engine and hotshot crews. Throughout each session each participant is provided guidance on applying for positions with federal, state, local and private fire management agencies.

*"With the combination of all the classes, contacts, and me being a badass, I have landed a job on a fire engine for the upcoming season and plan on making wildland firefighting my career." - Ross Schumaker, former VFC leader*



#### APPLY

Veterans Fire Corps is run by three different conservation corps, the California Conservation Corps, the Student Conservation Association and the Southwest Conservation Corps. For more information and links to each corps please visit:

[www.veteransfirecorps.org](http://www.veteransfirecorps.org)



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