



Southwest Conservation Corps

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Mission

Empowering individuals to positively impact their lives, their communities, and the environment



VETERAN FIRE CORPS

A national collaborative initiative aimed at preparing recent era (post-9/11) veterans to serve as foresters and wildland firefighters on public lands throughout the United States.

A flexible training and professional development opportunity through collaboration with Public Land Agencies and the Corps.



SCC VETERANS FIRE CORPS PARTNERS



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Began in 2009

Locations: Colorado, Arizona

Projects in all Four Corner
States

2, three month programs



CREW STRUCTURE & SCHEDULE

Day/Camping Crew

8 member crew

Leaders: 1 Veteran, 1 Civilian

Members: 6 U.S. Veterans

Typical Member Age 24-37

Schedule: 4, 10 Hour Days



PILOT STRUCTURE & SCHEDULE

Camping Crew

Flexible Crew Size

Single Crew/Project Leader

Flexible Schedule

Full time Leaders

Mixed Civilian/Veteran Members



TRAINING & EDUCATION

Wildland Fire Fighter II Cert. - S130, S190, L18,
I100, NIMS 700

S212 Fire Line Feller A, B, or Feller Boss

First Aid & CPR

Outdoor Leadership

Community Living

Wilderness Safety

Leave No Trace

Field Operations

Conservation Education

Daily PT



PROJECT WORK

Fuels Mitigation

Invasive
Removal

Fire Monitoring

Prescribe
Burning Prep &
Management

Wildland Fire
Fighting (AD)

Other Resource
Management
Projects



MEMBER BENEFITS

Certifications

Real Time on Saw

Peer-Peer Mentoring

AmeriCorps Education Award

Weekly Living Allowance

Leadership Development

Agency Exposure

Career Consulting/Opportunities

Hands On Training

Adventure, Fun



WHO HIRES OUR GRADUATES



SUCCESSES

630 U.S.
Veterans
served
since 2009

50%
Career
Placement
with
Agency
Partners

Over
10,000
Acres
Public
Lands &
Rivers
Improved



CHALLENGES

Recruiting

Commitment, Living Stipend

Balancing Who We Serve

Providing Adequate Support

Member Family, Financial Obligations

Leadership Pool

Customizing Program Models





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