



Still Serving Veterans is a nonprofit helping Veterans and their families locate meaningful employment anywhere in the nation, and access the local VA benefits and resources they need to build civilian lives they love.

# **OUR MISSION**

To serve and honor Veterans and their families by empowering them to build meaningful lives through connections to fulfilling careers, benefits, and services; and to proactively strengthen Veteran communities through leadership and collaboration.

Veteran Career Services offered nationally,
VA and Resource Connections available in North Alabama

# **CORE VALUES**

CALLING
TEAMWORK
RESPECT
STEWARDSHIP
INTEGRITY
COMMITMENT TO
EXCELLENCE

#### **DEAR FRIENDS,**

It is heart-warming to think about all that was accomplished in 2022 on behalf of our Veteran clients and our communities. The end-of-year impact numbers listed in this report speak for themselves. However, it is also humbling to recognize that the challenges will continue as we help Veterans build meaningful lives, find good jobs, secure the benefits they have earned, and the community services they need when they face crisis.

Clearly no one does this work; serve on our Board, volunteer at events, and provide funding, without a heart for Veterans, transitioning military, members of the Guard and Reserves and their families. However, beyond heart, it also takes a head for business. Success demands a strong capable staff, financial stewardship, ever-improving processes, and a consistent message. It takes both a generous heart and a head for business to have lasting impact.

"As we recap 2022 and enter our 17th year of operation under the new leadership of Richard Landolt, Rear Admiral, US Navy (Retired), we are so thankful to all who continue to enable this mission of service. Without you, none of this Veteran impact would be possible!"

Thank You, Paulette M. Risher CEO/President SSV Major General, U.S. Army



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"Still Serving Veterans is proud of our ongoing support to the Veteran community. 2022 was another milestone year in the delivery of services to Veterans and their families. Thank you to all of the benefactors for your trust and confidence in the SSV team." — John Wright, Board of Directors, Chair

### 2022 IMPACT

Every day our counselors, all Veterans themselves. strive to give Veterans hope and renewed energy in their fight for a better life.

They are working with approximately 2,400 Veteran

clients at any given time, and throughout 2022, conducted almost 20.000 individual counseling sessions.



CARFFR & TRANSITION COUNSELING:

Veterans hired

\$69,087 Average salary



VA BENEFIT ASSISTANCE\$6.24M in VA benefits secured.



RESOURCE CONNECTIONS: \$121,186

in direct support

of assistance to Veterans and their families in need.



NAVRNet:

A network of Veteran resource partners throughout 13 North Alabama counties focused on meeting the critical needs of our Veteran neighbors.

"This great team LOVES what they do, and really helped me to see that I could also pursue my passion of helping our Military Community, and my heart couldn't be more happy!" - Amber, US Army

"I was lost in my job search until I connected with SSV. If it were not for them, I would still be kicking rocks and frustrated about being underemployed. They really helped to shine a light on the tools I had to make myself a marketable employee." — Adrian, US Marine Corps

#### **VETERAN CAREER & TRANSITION (VCT)**

SSV Career Counselors help transitioning military, members of the Guard and Reserves, and Veterans create resumes and LinkedIn profiles that reflect military skills in civilian terms. Through tailored in-person or Zoom sessions, job search strategies, practice interviews, salary negotiation, and networking opportunities are crafted for clients who are unemployed or underemployed throughout the U.S.

"SSV was incredibly helpful during my transition.

The assistance I received helped me get numerous interviews ultimately landing a great role with a wonderful company!"

- Jessica, US Navy

"If it weren't for SSV, I would be either jobless or I would have taken an entry level role for a lower salary. This was a LIFE CHANGING experience for me."

Jason US Air Force

"Without this organization I would not have been able to get started. Their professional team approach to Veteran employment was truly helpful and I appreciate all their efforts to support me during this process."

– Deanne, US Army

# VETERAN CAREER & TRANSITION FOUCATION

We offer educational workshops to clients in-person and virtually on topics ranging from how to develop tailored resumes, to networking, interviewing, and leveraging LinkedIn. We walk transitioning military and Veterans through the process of letting go of their military identity and determining the next phase of their lives.

2022 Call of Duty Endowment Primary Grantee
CODE provides substantial restricted grants to organizations
proven to be among the most effective and efficient at connecting
Veterans with high-quality jobs. SSV is only one of ten organizations
globally to be selected, and is honored to have been a CODE Primary 03
Grantee since 2014.

### PROGRAMS

(LOCAL-North AL)

VA & VRC Programs serve Veterans who live in the 13 counties of North Alabama.

#### VA BENEFIT ASSISTANCE (VA)

SSV VA counselors are trained to help clients navigate the VA system and secure benefits earned through military service (including disability, aid & attendance, and pension). SSV's VA counselors monitor claims, submit appeals and inform clients as they navigate through the VA process.

2022 exceeded \$6M in VA benefits secured on behalf of our clients – almost double the 2021 achievement! VA benefits have a huge impact on the lives of these Veterans and their families, while also bringing "new money" into our community.

"Years ago, my first claim was turned down and I just gave up. Then I found out about Still Serving Veterans and met a counselor who restarted the process. We met several times over the past year, and I finally found out yesterday that my new claim was approved. I am so grateful for their determination and personal concern in helping me navigate a bureaucracy that might have discouraged me from continuing." – Dennis, US Navy, Vietnam Veteran



#### VETERAN RESOURCE CONNECTIONS (VRC)

SSV supports Veterans in crisis due to a job loss, illness, death in the family, or other circumstance. We also refer clients to trusted community partners. This program is being expanded across North Alabama as NAVRNet, North Alabama Veteran Resource Network.

"I can not thank SSV enough! You helped us get out of a terrible situation and we are truly thankful." — Gary, US Army

"You have no idea how your kindness and drive to help me has made the last few weeks easier. I can't thank you enough." — Beth, US Navy



"Without their extreme knowledge and background I would not have gone through the process. Their dedication to our country and its military is commendable and SSV is an honorable addition to Huntsville area Veterans." – US Army Retired

### I ABORATIVE PARTNERS

Organizations who collaborate with and/or refer Veterans. transitioning service members, and their families to SSV for career and transition, and other needed services.































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https://ssv.org/supporters-partners

In 2022, SSV was selected as one of the newest U.S. **Department of Labor partners supporting transitioning** military through their Employment and Training Services **Employment Navigator and Partnership Pilot program (ENPP).** 

# **FINANCIALS**

2022

Total Expenses: \$1,666,021

Program: \$1,361,490

Fundraising: \$6,460

Admin: \$298,071

Net Assets: \$954,978

85% of every dollar directly supported SSV's Veteran programs and services. No Veteran or employer has ever been charged for the services we provide. SSV is audited annually by Mercer & Associates and biennially by Deloitte (required for Call of Duty Endowment support).

"I can't say enough about how important it is for Veterans to have a resource like this to reach out to." - Family Member of VA Client

# **THANK YOU**

Our work is made possible by committed individuals, foundations and corporations whose support allows SSV to serve Veterans and family members without ever charging for our assistance.

### **GRANTORS**



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Platinum Transparency **2022** 

Candid.





SSV was recognized by several independent nonprofit evaluators in 2022:

- Candid's Platinum Seal of Transparency on GuideStar
- Charity Navigator Finance & Accountability score of 100%
  - GreatNonprofits' Top-Rated Nonprofit

### **MAJOR DONORS**

Thank you to the individuals, companies, and organizations who support SSV and the Veterans we serve.

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Please consider adding Still Serving Veterans to your will or estate plan and join the following members of SSV's Honor Guard to assure support for future generations, regardless of economic conditions. Visit ssv.org/give and view "Make a Legacy Gift" for more information. Current

Balance **\$172,439** 

#### **INAUGURAL HONOR GUARD MEMBERS**

Hank Isenberg David McCormick & Dina Powell Daniel Sullivan COL (R) Will & Kay Webb

"Thanks to their experience with translating my Military skills into a way in which civilian companies would understand, I was able to use that resume to apply for and ultimately be offered the very first job I applied for." — Aaron, US Army

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SSV was recognized as the 'Nonprofit of the Year' at the 37th Annual Huntsville/Madison County Chamber's Small Business Awards Gala. This is the second time we have received this distinguished honor (2015 & 2022).

### SSV EVENTS 2022



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SAVE THE DATE Sep. 15, 2023



"Still Serving Veterans helped me find a rewarding career quickly in an unfortunate situation where I was laid off unexpectedly.

Exceptional service and masterful knowledge of the employment process!"

### SSV EVENTS 2022







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SAVE THE DATE October 12, 2023



"I spent a lot of time wondering if I would ever land the right job for me. I was afraid I would be like scores of other vets who jump from place to place looking for the right landing spot. My SSV career counselor coached me, and pointed me in the right direction." - Jason, US Air Force

# SSV EVENTS

Trash Pandas
Armed Forces Celebration

May 26, 2022
Presenting Sponsor:

# NORTHROP GRUMMAN









### Huntsville HAVOC Milit ar y Appreciation Night

March 19, 2022

Presenting Sponsor:









"My counselor opened lines of communication with his network that otherwise would have been missed, allowing me to forge new and value-added relationships with the people and companies that could positively affect my future."

### IMPACT



"There are many nonprofit organizations that support Veterans' interests as they separate from the service, and I have not found one like Still Serving Veterans. SSV is truly second to none when it comes to genuine support for veterans."

- Jav. US Armv

"Their resume assistance gave me the confidence I needed during my employment search which resulted in my new position as a Shift Lead. SSV was also instrumental in assisting my spouse in obtaining employment. - Yolanda, US Army





"I was able to gain confidence knowing that there is a great team willing to give me advice and encouragement, regardless of the situation - because they have all been through this transition experience as well." - Thomas, US Army



#### **Awarded 2022 HIRE Vets Platinum Medallion**

The only federal Veterans' employment program that recognizes businesses who demonstrate exceptional achievement in Veteran hiring, retention, and professional development. SSV's team has over 80% Veteran employees.



Thank You for supporting Still Serving Veterans' mission to help Veterans and Transitioning Military create meaningful lives.

Please tell your friends about our no-cost, Veteran-to-Veteran counseling. Your referrals, partnerships, and donations help us serve those who have served us.

"My biggest challenge was finding the right career with a balance of compensation and job satisfaction. SSV helped me find the right job, gave me sound advice, and provided comfort during my transition out of the military."

— Russell, US Navy





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