

Position Description: Community Service Fellowship for Veterans

About Points of Light

Points of Light is the world's leading volunteer organization, with more than 20 years of history and a bi-partisan presidential legacy. Our mission is to inspire, equip and mobilize people to take action that changes the world. We connect people to their power to make a meaningful difference, by providing access to tools, resources and opportunities to help volunteers use their time, talent, voice and money to meet the critical needs of our communities.

HandsOn Network, the volunteer-focused arm of Points of Light Institute, is the largest volunteer network in the nation and includes more than 250 HandsOn Action Centers in 16 countries. HandsOn includes a powerful network of more than 70,000 corporate, faith and nonprofit organizations that are answering the call to serve and creating meaningful change in their communities. Annually, the network delivers approximately 30 million hours of volunteer service valued at about \$626 million. For more information, please visit www.HandsOnNetwork.org.

Position Title: Fellow, Military Initiatives

Department/Business Unit: Partnerships/HandsOn Network

Position Reports to: Director, Strategic Partnerships

Location: Atlanta or DC

Time Commitment: 20 hours/week for 28 weeks

Fellows are eligible for a \$6,000 stipend to offset the Fellow's cost-of-living expenses.

Position Overview

The Mission Continues Fellowship Program challenges post-9/11 veterans to continue service to their nation by serving their communities. Through a fellowship, veterans learn how to use qualities and skill-sets gained through their military service as a way to benefit not only their own lives, but the community around them. At The Mission Continues, we believe that all veterans have the ability to use their experience and potential to inspire and encourage a nation. We provide them with the opportunity and challenge to execute their mission.

The Fellow will support the Community Blueprint Initiative, which enables communities around the country to identify needs and gaps in services to veterans, active military and their families via a community audit. Once a community completes a Blueprint audit, our efforts seek to align resources and also create volunteer projects to fill the gaps in services and to build a more robust support system for veterans, active military and their families. The Community Blueprint Fellow will attend conferences and meetings to learn more about services for veterans and military families and will help to coordinate the work of AmeriCorps VISTAs who are developing curricula and programming for the Blueprint. The Fellow will also aid communities in the pilot phase and write a report on the successes and challenges of the Community Blueprint model

and how volunteer engagement can support a community in engaging and supporting active military, veterans and their families.

Tasks include:

- Support volunteers and community organizations in Norfolk, VA, Fayetteville, AK, Huntsville, TX, Valdosta, GA and other pilot areas in implementing the Community Blueprint. This includes doing an audit of services to vets/military families and identifying gaps.
- Develop tools, training, and resources for other communities to use the Community Blueprint. This includes the creation of volunteer-appropriate support projects that can help communities build their capacity and services for active military, veterans and their families.
- Develop and disseminate content and resources to meet gaps in services to vets/military families in partnership with AmeriCorps VISTAs.

Eligibility:

All prospective Fellows must meet the following criteria to be considered for a Mission Continues Fellowship:

- 2 years service in the United States Armed Forces after September 11, 2001
- Honorable discharge

We are searching for passionate, motivated potential Fellows who want to continue service to their country through service to their community.

Fellow will be located within our office in Washington, D.C. or our headquarters in Atlanta.

Position Qualifications:

- Must be a self-starter and able to work independently.
- Must possess political and business acumen
- Must meet deadlines

Learning Objectives

- Gain experience working on a high performing team in a collaborative environment
- Build a network of professional contacts
- Build expertise in providing services to military communities

Interested persons should send, fax or email a cover letter and resume to: Points of Light Institute, ATTN: IVO, 600 Means Street, Suite 210, Atlanta, GA 30318. FAX: (404) 979-2901; interns@pointsoflight.org

No phone calls please