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Training & Jobs

One of the most important things we can do for our wounded warriors is help them find meaningful work.



TOUCHING THE PAST, BUILDING A FUTURE

Augusta, Georgia becomes home to the first-of-its-kind Veterans Curation Project, an innovative training and employment archaeological curation program for wounded Iraq and Afghanistan veterans

In October of 2009, Augusta Georgia became the first in the nation to launch the Veterans Curation Project, an innovative training and employment program for wounded Iraq and Afghanistan veterans. The program, completely funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, is a collaboration between the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), the Central Savannah River Area Wounded Warrior Care Project, the Fort Gordon Warrior Transition Battalion (WTB), the Charlie Norwood VA Medical Center and the Georgia Department of Labor. This unique program trains veterans and active duty personnel to categorize, inventory, process and photograph artifacts, and to archivally process associated records owned by the USACE. The training is provided by highly skilled archaeologists and archivists. Veterans

are employed while active duty personnel in transition are in training. Wounded warriors are receiving training, pay, and highly rewarding employment, bolstering self-esteem and a sense of purpose, while providing them with a venue to work as a team with other veterans and service members. The skills wounded warriors are acquiring within the VCP (including document scanning and imaging, records management, inventory tracking, high resolution photography, digital image retention and cataloging) can be transferred to jobs in health care, law enforcement, rescue, administrative, government and engineering career fields. The Augusta VCP is assisting participants in job preparation and placement. To learn more, contact Dr. Sonny Trimble at michael.k.trimble@usace.army.mil.



Augusta Laboratory

10 veterans and three active duty personnel can train at a time, and there is already a waiting list for the next slots.

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