



Riverside Community College District delivered college classes and services to nearly 1,625 Veterans in 2016-17. RCCD colleges offer specific programs and activities for Veterans and have trained Veterans counselors as well as counselors for disabled Veterans.

Key to Success: A uniform approach was taken to identifying and meeting the unique needs of Veterans. This allowed for standardization of core services and the development of college-specific strategies and programs.

Veterans Resource Centers: Each of the RCCD colleges operates a Veterans Resource Center to support student Veterans and their dependents. The comprehensive services include counseling and academic advising, assistance with military forms and benefits, study space, and access to technology.

Moreno Valley College

- The MVC Veterans Resource Center provides student Veterans services and connections to county, state and federal resources. In 2016-17, the Veterans Resource Center served 591 Veterans and 259 dependents.
- MVC provides monthly Veteran services to law enforcement, fire, and paramedic students at the Ben Clark Public Safety Training Center.
- MVC is committed to honoring members of the US Armed Forces and being responsive to the educational needs of the region. The College demonstrated this commitment by hosting the Third Annual Veterans Breakfast to raise funds for the Veterans Scholarship Fund to assist student Veterans in obtaining a college education.

Norco College

- *Military Times* ranked Norco College as one of the Best Colleges for Veterans for the third time in four years, while Military Friendly® named the College a bronze-level Military Friendly® School Award recipient for 2018. The College served 248 Veterans and 281 dependents in 2016-17.
- Norco College is the recipient of a \$2 million allocation in the 2017-18 State of California Budget to establish a Veterans Resource Center which will expand and enhance programs and services and military training course articulation for Veteran students. The allocation and program are the first of a kind statewide. The Center will serve as the model for community colleges in California.

Riverside City College

- The RCC Veterans Club was awarded \$10,000 from Home Depot to equip the Veterans Resource Center. RCC was one of two California community colleges to receive monies from the Student Veterans of America Center Initiative.
- In 2016-17 RCC served 1,021 student Veterans and 898 Veteran dependents and hosts the Students Veterans Association.

VETERANS PROGRAMS at RCCD COLLEGES:

Serving Those Who Served Our Nation

Success At-A-Glance

- H.R. 6416, introduced by Congressman Ken Calvert (CA-42), was signed last year to streamline Veteran education benefits at multi-college districts.
- Norco College was selected to serve as a model Veterans Resource Center for California Community Colleges; developing best practices, integration of Veterans services and course articulation.

Featured Veterans Services

- GI-Bill, Financial Aid, and Scholarship Coordination
- Priority Registration
- Counseling and Academic Advising
- Full-service Veterans Resource Center
- Disabled Veterans Services
- Peer Mentoring
- Student Veterans Clubs

Military Training to Course Articulation

- Military Training – Occupational specialty (MOS), (AFSC), Navy Ratings
- Receive up to 30 credits for military training
- Minimize the use of the G.I. Bill
- Expedite college completion