



Soldier for Life Health and Wellness Overview

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Current Mission and Vision



Mission

Soldier for Life **engages and connects** Army, governmental, and nongovernmental organizations in order to **influence** policies, programs, and services that **support Soldiers**, **Veterans**, **and Families** and reinforce the Soldier for Life mindset throughout the **Soldier Life Cycle**.

Vision

Soldier for Life *creates an environment* where Soldiers, Veterans and Families *embrace their positive Army experience* and return to their communities as *Army ambassadors, leaders of character, commitment and service,* and *an inspiration* to the next generation to serve.

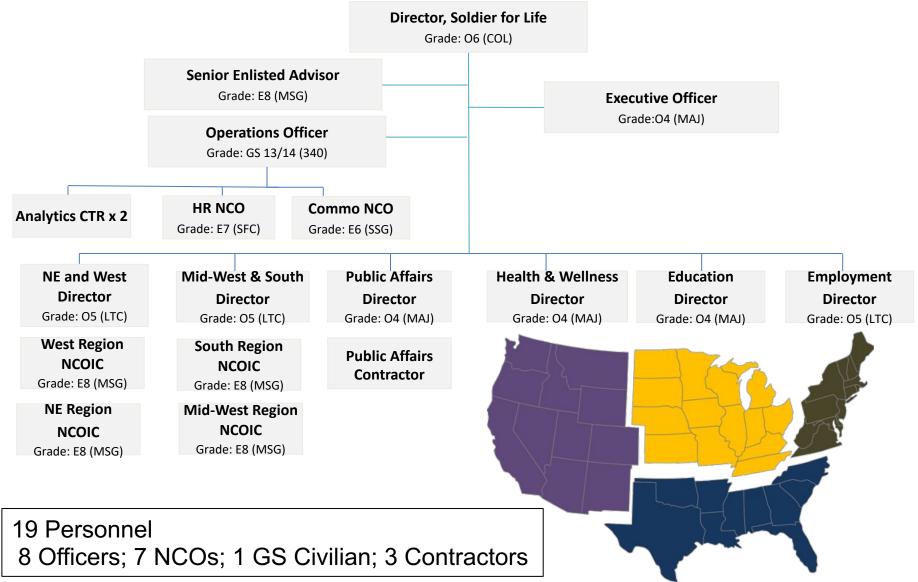






Soldier for Life Organization







SFL History



Pre-Inception (2009 -2011)

Inception (2012) - Present

November 2009

Presidential Executive Order 13518 **Employment of Veterans in Federal** Government

Army Veterans Employment & Transition Initiative (VETI)

Army Veteran Campaign Plan to Soldier Employment, Education, & Transition (DCS, G-1)

2012

Transition Policy Initiative (TPI) Rebranded to **Transition Strategic** Outreach (TSO)

Focused Veteran unemployment & industry outreach; Aligned with HRC Transition Division (ACAP)



January 2014

Army Campaign Plan



July 2014

Army **Transition Campaign**



October 2021

SFL Realigns with TRADOC (The Army's People Command)

April 2014 CSA

Mission Directive 2014-1 Directed SFL Initiative to become a program of record & added to DCS,

G-1 TDA by FY16



SFL Program of Record Added to DCS, G-1 TDA



April 2010

Army ACAP/Transition **USMA Study Group**

Focus: Leader support, methods, and timing of transition services



November 2010

VCSA Sends Highlighted USMA Study Group findings



November 2011

Veterans Opportunity to Work / Hire Heroes Act 2011



February 2014 **RSO Joins SFL**

(SFL-RSO)

SOLDIER FOR LIFE **July 2012**

SFL Inception Chartered to

- Be Eyes & Ears for the CSA
- Inculcate SFL Mindset
- Improve Access
- Build Community Relationships
- Enable All-Volunteer Force



May 2016

Army Transition Regulation Published

(AR 600-81, Soldier for Life-Transition Assistance Program)



June 2014

ACAP Renamed SFL-TAP



2020

SFL-TAP Renamed Army-TAP



FY22 National Outreach & FY23 Way Ahead





FY22 Summary

- Traveled to 22 different states and over 40 different cities
- SFL most frequently visited states in 2022:
 - Texas

- Massachusetts
- New York
- California
- Way Ahead: <u>Create opportunities to engage with</u> more suburban and rural communities

FY23 Key Points

- Reconnect America to its Army
- Advise and Assist Communities in order to improve support to Soldiers, Veterans, and Family members
- Identify and Support Opportunities in Health & Wellness, Education, and Employment
- Leverage the Army Veteran population to inform the Nation about the benefits of Army service
- Create a network in order to communicate with Veterans

Transitioning Soldier Data

Active Component

7

of Active Component Soldiers transitioned from the Army during FY22 with 10 years or less of service.

Top Fields

- 11 Infantry
- 92 Quartermaster
- 91 Field Mechanics
- 25 Signal Corps
- 68- Medical
- 13 Field Artillery
- 15 Aviation

Quick Facts

COMPONENT*

Reserve - 18,339

Guard - 45.077

Active Component-65,864

%

Top 5 States for Relocation



Active Duty 35%

129,283

Soldiers Transitioned in FY22

Top 5 Installation Fort Bragg – NC

Fort Hood – TX

Fort Carson - CO

Fort Bliss – TX

Fort Campbell – KY

*NG/Reserve Soldiers are only those Soldiers to transition from Active Duty. ALL data reflect those that transitioned with Honorable/General status.



Connecting America To The Army



Social Media



Focus on increasing reach

- LinkedIn 100K followers
 Focused on connecting Industry to the Army.
- Podcasts 58K downloads
 Focused on connecting Army
 Veterans and transitioning
 Soldiers to industry opportunities
- Facebook 33K followers
 Focused on connecting America to our Army















Community Outreach



Help communities recognize, honor and support the Army

- Proactively engage with nonmilitary organizations
- Build relationships with schools and Chambers Of Commerce
- Represent Soldier for Life at local community events across the Nation



Connecting with Veterans



Help Veterans feel better connected to the Army

- SFL Platform ICW HQDA G1
- ETS-Sponsorship database for future outreach and connection initiatives
- Department of Veteran Affairs VA.gov sign-up initiative
- Veteran Recognition Ceremonies











Health and Wellness Resources



Physical Fitness



Government

TRADOC – H2F

Non-Profit

- Team Red White, Blue
- Semper Fi Odyssey

Nutrition



Government

- TRADOC H2F
- **Army Public Health Center**
- **Military Treatment Facilities**
- **Army Wellness Centers**

General Health and Wellness



Government

- OTSG/ MEDCOM/ MTF
- **Army Public Health Center**
- TRADOC- H2F
- DHA
- AMSUS (Prof. Org Mil Medicine)

Non-Profit

- **Tragedy Assistance Program for** Survivors - TAPs
- Code of Support Foundation
- **Fisher House Foundation**

Resource Centers

- Patriot Link (NFP)
- **Army Medical Assistance Program**
- Army Community Resource Guide
- Coaching Into Care (Gov VA)
- Military One Source (Gov- DoD)
- National Resource Directory (DoD -
- Women's Vet Call Center (DoD-VA)

Mental and Spiritual Health



Government

- R2 Ready and Resilient (Army)
- OTSG/ MEDCOM/ MTF/ BH
- **TRADOC- H2F**
- **Psychological Health Institute**
- inTransition
- **Chaplain Corps**

Non-Profit

- Give an Hour
- Cohen Veterans Clinic
- **Psvch Armor Institute**
- **Operation Purple National Military Family Association**
- Leashes of Valor (PTSD Support Dog)
- **Objective Zero**

Resource Centers

- inTransition (Gov DHA)
- Psychological Health Resource Center (Gov – DHA)
- Veteran Crisis Line (Gov VA)
- MFLC/ Military One Source (Gov -DoD)

Wounded Warrior/ **Care Givers**



Government

- **Army Recovery Care Program**
- **Recovery Care Program**

Non-Profit

- Elizabeth Dole Foundation
- Easterseals Respite Care
- **Blue Star Families**
- **Disabled Veterans of America**
- **Wounded Warrior Project**
- Fenty's Troops First Operation Proper Exit
- **Paralyzed Veterans of America**

Resource Centers

- **Army Recovery Care Program**
- **Recovery Care Program**



Points of Interest



- **Veteran Housing Initiatives** Homelessness impacts an array of Veterans. SFL helps to highlight organizations which focus on ending this problem.
- Veteran Incarceration Investigating different ways to impact Veteran Incarceration
- Food Insecurity Investigating different ways to impact Soldier, Veteran, and Family Food Security
- ETS-Sponsorship Program A national non-profit in a public-private partnership with the VA dedicated to ensuring the successful transition of service members out of the military and into civilian life
- Easterseals Provides health and wellness/employment support to the military community
- Our Community Salutes A program to recognize high school students that enlist in the military
- Employment SFL focuses on transitioning Soldier, Veteran, and military spouse hiring opportunities (Recruit Military, PaYS, Career Skills Program, Transition Assistance Program)
- Soldier for Life Pin Presented to Soldiers upon transitioning from the Army



Key Opportunities





- Collaboration on information dissemination (health and wellness resources including mental health resources)
- Collaboration on mutually beneficial initiatives
- Provide us feedback on opportunities to help

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Once a Soldier, Always a Soldier.... A Soldier for Life!



Questions and Discussion



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