



Veteran Community Mentors

"Look to a veteran for humility and selflessness....."

—President Barack Obama on November 11, 2016
while placing a wreath at Arlington National Cemetery

Mission Statement

Urban communities in the United States and Native American reservations are plagued with misguided youth raised by over-burdened matriarchs with very few older males serving as positive role-models in the void of absentee fathers. These youth, mostly racial minorities, are either at risk of criminal lifestyles or already confined to youth detention facilities.

This socioeconomic crisis, often referred to as the "School-to-Prison Pipeline," which festers at the root of the 'mass incarceration' crisis, is a clarion call to serious and determined rescue action that is long overdue. All Americans have shared the cost personally or vicariously to some significant extent.

This longstanding problem is so grave that nothing short of military veterans working full-time as a civilian domestic Peace Corps in delinquent-ridden communities as mentors has any hope of rescuing misguided youth and restoring the communities in which they live. Such a task force, under the umbrella of a nonprofit organization, has an excellent chance of success in persuading errant youth to pursue a better life path where no other viable full-time hands-on effort exists.

Such a uniformed task force spearheaded at first by formerly incarcerated veterans, to be joined later by homeless and/or jobless veterans, will be motivated by a sense of pride, duty and obligation.

With the help of local and national leaders, including the Biden/Harris Administration and Almighty God, we will not fail to divert at-risk youth away from the U.S. criminal justice system.

Norm Stamper: *"I agree that veterans as community mentors has great promise, and I support the mission statement."*

P.S. Ruckman: *"... the collateral consequences of conviction are enormous, prohibitive and, sometimes, quite unnecessary. A systematic program to restore the rights of veterans is, thus, a really wonderful idea, in my opinion."*

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