Commitment to military members, veterans, and their families

Empowering our communities to succeed financially

Wells Fargo has been helping military members and veterans succeed financially for more than 160 years. Throughout the years, Wells Fargo has supported military members and veterans through initiatives to recruit and retain team members, and through foundation donations, countless volunteer hours, and event sponsorship.

In 2012, we created the Military & Veteran Affairs Program to expand our outreach to members of the military, veterans, and their families who may be facing financial hardships as part of our commitment to helping communities succeed by being a part of the solution.

Wells Fargo has:

- Donated more than 350 homes, valued at over $55 million, to veterans in all 50 states, and sponsored the donation of more than 15 vehicles to veterans.
- Hired more than 8,400 veterans, and participated in more than 1,200 job fairs since 2012. More than 200 team members are on military leave at any given time.
- Launched Hands on Banking® for Military, a financial education program that has been shared online, in print, and through in-person group and one-on-one sessions with more than 1 million military service members, veterans, and their families since July 2013.
- Overall, donated more than $130 million to military- and veteran-related nonprofits since 2012.

Career transition

In the workplace, Wells Fargo values the leadership, discipline, and service record of military members and veterans, employing more than 8,300 team members today who self-identify as veterans.

The company is committed to increasing its veteran team member population to 20,000 by 2020 (wellsfargo.com/about/careers/veterans).

The company also helps veterans translate their military skills into job skills through a tool called “Hiring Our Heroes’ Military Translator.”

VET Program

Wells Fargo expands its Veteran Employment Transition (VET) Program, which focuses on providing transitioned or recently transitioned veterans an eight-week, spring internship. In addition to on-the-desk training, the program provides an enterprise orientation, foundational networking, coaching, and supporting resources. Piloted in 2016 with a class of eight, the VET Program has expanded across the enterprise to 44 in 2017 and welcomed 55 in 2018. Visit myfuture.wf.com/veteran for more information about the 2019 program.

Military Apprenticeships

Wells Fargo currently offers an apprenticeship program for veterans. The program offers companies the tools they need to develop a highly skilled workforce and provides veterans the opportunity to earn a salary while learning additional skills to succeed in financial industry careers. Apprentices follow a rigorous learning path focused on closing any gaps for traditional roles in order to learn the financial industry and career development that will help them succeed in a second long-term career path. The apprenticeships are registered by the Department of Labor and the Department of Veterans Affairs. Eligible participants are able to leverage their GI Bill Benefits to supplement their income during the paid apprenticeship.

Veteran Startup Pitch

Wells Fargo hosted its first Veterans Startup Pitch event on October 18, 2016, in San Francisco. Veteran-founded technology startups were invited to pitch their technologies to a panel of judges. Two startups — ID.me and Efflux Systems — earned the opportunity to collaborate with Wells Fargo in its innovation lab for 90 days.
Financial education
In July 2013, Wells Fargo launched its Hands on Banking® for Military (handsonbanking.org) program to address the financial education challenges facing military members, veterans, and their families. The award-winning Hands on Banking program offers 10 individual lesson topics specifically for military, ranging from the basics of banking to planning for retirement.

Wells Fargo joined forces with the National Foundation for Credit Counseling (NFCC) to bring Hands on Banking for Military to service members in the continental United States. Military and veteran groups wishing to have a representative teach a class, or individuals interested in scheduling a session with a certified financial counselor, should contact the NFCC at 1-855-374-2773.

Philanthropic donations and sponsorships
Wells Fargo is proud to support organizations working to strengthen communities. To date, Wells Fargo donated more than $79 million to nonprofit organizations serving the needs of the military, veterans, and their families. Organizations can learn more about Wells Fargo’s giving and where to apply at: wellsfargo.com/about/charitable.

No Barriers Warriors
Wells Fargo has sponsored No Barriers Warriors since 2014. No Barriers Warriors is a program of No Barriers USA. The nonprofit’s mission is to unleash the potential of the human spirit. The Warriors experiences serve as both an opportunity for growth and catalyst for change as these brave men and women stretch boundaries, build teams, innovate through diversity, and step up to lead and serve others. Complementing the veteran reintegration process, this program provides quality transformative experiences that inspire warriors to grow and continue to contribute their absolute best to the world.

Sustainable homeownership
Wells Fargo provides financing options and dedicated service to help service members and veterans looking to buy a home. We are a leading provider of VA home loans and military relocation mortgages (Permanent Change of Station transactions), with specialized teams who understand unique military needs. Wells Fargo also offers free homebuyer education resources tailored to the military.

Wells Fargo’s LIFT programs help people achieve homeownership through down payment assistance and homebuyer education. In markets where LIFT is available, a special military benefit helps qualified service members, veterans, and surviving spouses receive a home down payment assistance grant.

Housing support
Since 2012, Wells Fargo Foundation housing philanthropy programs have provided more than $15 million in grants to support sustainable housing and homeownership for veterans. Initiatives include VeteranWINS®, Priority Markets Program, Team Member Volunteer Program, Homeownership Counseling Grants, and NeighborhoodLIFT® Local Initiative Grants. In collaboration with the Military Warriors Support Foundation, Wells Fargo donates homes and vehicles to wounded veterans, who also receive financial mentoring.

Military Property Care℠
Wells Fargo cares about our military team members and their families. Extended time away from family due to military training or deployment can cause major life adjustments and even hardships for families. Wells Fargo Home Lending is proud to offer the Military Property Care℠ program to all eligible Wells Fargo team members enterprise-wide. This program offers lawn mowing and/or snow removal as a courtesy to those serving our country while away from home on military orders for more than 30 consecutive days.

Military leave and duty benefits
For eligible team members called to active duty, Wells Fargo provides a period of supplemental pay designed to make up any difference between their Wells Fargo and military base pay. During this period, they can continue to receive benefits coverage, such as medical, dental, vision, life insurance, and long term care. Additionally, Wells Fargo pays for any scheduled days of work that are missed due to weekend drill or annual training.

Veterans’ Team Member Network
Wells Fargo has a Veterans Team Member Network (VTMN) that provides team members with personal and professional development, mentoring, leadership engagement, networking, and community outreach opportunities. Today, the VTMN boasts more than 8,000 members and 41 active chapters.