

# VETERAN Success Project

## INVESTING IN REAL HEROES

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### Your Support Matters

You can make a difference in the lives of our veterans by making a gift to the Veterans Success Project today through the Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation. Not only will your gift provide veterans with the essentials they need, it will go towards long-lasting assistance towards Veterans Centers and other proposed items within the Project, dependent on raising funds to support them.

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Arizona Department of Veterans'™ Services. Additionally, MCCCCD is a partner organization of the Military/Veteran Resource Network.



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