

PVA VETERANS CAREER PROGRAM UPDATE

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Veterans Helping Veterans



In February 2022, Walter Sullivan, nicknamed Sully, approached Rodney Lee, an Employment Analyst at the Veterans Career Program (VCP), six months before retiring from the Marine Corps. They hit it off immediately, discussing career possibilities and civilian life after military service.

Sully's impressive military career spanned over 21 years, with multiple deployments and campaigns under his belt. Retiring on November 1, 2022, as a First Sergeant and Battalion Sergeant Major, Sully had a 100% service-connected disability and was uncertain about his next steps. He explored various options in security management, risk mitigation, logistics management, and senior operations management, even attending a skill-bridge program.

Rodney and Sully worked together to review career opportunities with VCP company partners, developed his resume, and emphasized the importance of networking on LinkedIn. While other industries presented lucrative opportunities, Sully felt compelled to work in veteran career services, something he had been passionate about as a senior leader throughout his military career. Rodney recognized Sully's servant leadership and shared his passion for helping the military/veteran community.

Sully pursued his new purpose, focusing on roles involving veteran talent placement, veteran support, and veteran resource management. Although there were challenges, the VCP supported him, and Sully remained optimistic. Eventually, Sully secured an interview with Work For Warriors and landed the position of Veteran Staffing Consultant. He officially started his new career on April 3, 2023.

IMPACT + OPPORTUNITIES

21 Client Placements

- 17 Paid Employment
- 2 Education/Training
- 2 Volunteer
 - 16 Veterans
 - 2 Active Duty
 - 3 Military Family Members
 - 2 PVA Members
- The average salary for the 14 clients placed in full-time employment was \$63,653; and the average income for the 3 clients placed in part-time work was \$18,867.



Sully shared the following sentiments regarding PVA's Veterans Career Program:

Dear Rodney Lee,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to express my deep gratitude for your assistance in helping me secure a job in the veteran support-related industry.

Your expertise and guidance throughout the job search process were invaluable, and I truly appreciate the time and effort you put into helping me find the perfect opportunity. Your insights into the industry, as well as your knowledge of the job market, were instrumental in my successful job search. Thanks to your support and encouragement, I was able to land a position that aligns perfectly with my skills and interests. I am excited to begin this new chapter in my career and am confident that I will thrive in this role.

Once again, thank you for your unwavering support and guidance. I could not have done this without you and the PVA's Veterans Career Program, and I am truly grateful for all that you and your organization have done for me.

*Sincerely,
Walter Ray Sullivan "Sully"*