

PAVE PROGRAM UPDATE

November 2020

SUCCESS STORY: STEVEN WHITE

Many veterans leave the military but find that they miss serving their country. This is the case with service connected disabled veteran Steven White, who moved from Texas to the greater Atlanta, GA area in 2019 seeking new career opportunities. Even though Steven had strong experience, he was finding it difficult to land a job in his chosen field of public health, a challenge that was compounded by the recent onset of COVID-19 and the economic recession. Steven reached out to PAVE and started working with PAVE Employment Analyst Rodney Lee (USA, Ret) in July of 2020.

Rodney and Steven immediately got down to work, examining options for Steven to secure a job with the federal government, but also widening Steven's scope to opportunities in the private sector and possibly even relocating again. Rodney and Steven worked on a variety of career skills, including virtual networking, LinkedIn, and creating shorter civilian resumes tailored to each position. Rodney also reviewed Steven's federal resume and encouraged him to keep applying for federal roles.

Steven was referred to a Public Health Analyst position with the Centers of Disease Control (CDC) over the summer but heard nothing back for several months. This fall, Steven got the call asking him to interview for the position with the CDC. He put his new interviewing skills to work. Steven was offered and accepted the position, meeting his goal of continuing to serve in his country in federal employment.

IMPACT + OPPORTUNITIES

14 Client Placements

- 9 Paid Employment
- 5 Training/Education



12 Veterans

2 Family Members

223 Total Placements
through October

A HEALTHY MIND IN A HEALTHY BODY

PVA's Sports and Recreation team has been working overtime to keep PVA members And veterans with disabilities healthy and engaged and throughout the pandemic. This means adapting to a virtual environment and thinking outside the box on programming. Since March, we have launched online wheelchair dancing, a monthly book club, adaptive yoga and cycling, and other programs. You can learn more on our [website](#) and click [here](#) to hear directly from a veteran.



SUCCESS STORY UPDATE: JENNIFER DAMON

Jennifer, an Army veteran and veteran caregiver, has successfully worked with PAVE staff since 2018. Unfortunately, due to the global pandemic and economic recession, Jennifer's position was eliminated in November, 2020. Not one to sit around, Jennifer demonstrated resiliency in tackling a new opportunity.



Taking advantage of what she learned in her recent position, and career skills gained from PAVE, Jennifer is on the move again. This time working with **UPS** as a Seasonal Personal Vehicle Package Driver. Read her story [here](#) and watch an interview of her [here](#).



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