What is LaVetCorps?

- Beginning in the Fall of 2019, the Governor’s Office, the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs, and Louisiana’s higher education community are partnering to open 30 campus veteran resource centers at community colleges and universities across the state.
- The LaVetCorps mission is to empower veterans, families and campus communities to help veterans returning from active duty military service to successfully transition home to college and their local community.
- At each LaVetCorps veteran resource center, an LDVA-trained LaVetCorps navigator who is an AmeriCorps service member will serve as a peer mentor to student veterans in transition, increase student veterans’ access to their earned federal and state benefits, and work to build a vibrant on-campus veteran community.
- LaVetCorps navigators will provide training and support to college faculty, staff and administration to increase awareness of student veterans’ needs and veteran culture.
- LaVetCorps navigators will organize community service projects benefiting both on- and off-campus veterans, where veterans can serve alongside other veterans and civilians in service above self to their community.
- Today, more than 8,300 Louisiana veterans and their dependents bring in more than $185 million in federal dollars to Louisiana’s higher education communities each year through GI Bill funding.
- Today, more than 840 Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs employees devote each day to providing comprehensive care and quality service to Louisiana’s 284,000 veterans and their families with regard to education, benefits, healthcare, long-term care, and burial honors. Now, through LaVetCorps, Louisiana’s student veterans and their dependents will have direct access to these services on campus.
Where will you see LaVetCorps veteran resource centers?

- Starting this Fall 2019 Semester, LDVA will work to help 30 Louisiana community college and university campuses open a designated space as a veteran resource center for their student veterans, to be staffed with a LaVetCorps navigator.

- Louisiana’s colleges and universities committed to LaVetCorps include:
  - System-wide commitments from
    - Louisiana Community and Technical College System (13 colleges);
    - Louisiana State University System (including LSU-E, LSU-S, LSU-BR)
    - Southern University System (3 campuses);
    - University of Louisiana System (9 campuses); and
  - Xavier University, the nation’s oldest historically black Catholic University.

When will LaVetCorps navigators be hired?

- Stay tuned to the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs’ website, [www.vetaffairs.la.gov](http://www.vetaffairs.la.gov), for job postings this spring to start hiring these 30 veterans/veterans’ dependents by August 2019 to begin serving at these Louisiana campus communities this fall.