

VOLUNTEER TO BECOME A PATHFINDER



The **Palmetto Pathfinder Program** is the State Veteran mentorship program designed to connect transitioning servicemembers from the military and Veterans in the community with a mentor. Pathfinders serve transitioning servicemembers navigate the process when leaving the military and help Veterans in their community connect with resources based on the Veterans request for assistance.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

Use the Palmetto Pathfinder Application and the South Carolina Veteran Coalition to connect transitioning servicemembers and Veterans with resources who can assist. Contact and follow up with transitioning servicemembers and Veterans to make sure needs are met. Stay in contact with Pathfinder Managers and Regional Integration Officers to provide updates as required.

QUALIFICATIONS & TIME COMMITMENT

Palmetto Pathfinders are Veterans, active-duty service members, National Guardsman, or Reservists who have successfully navigated the transition process from the military. Palmetto Pathfinders are:

- Nonjudgmental
- Empathetic
- Reliable
- Work well in a team
- Adaptive
- Patient
- Have a positive attitude
- Can use a cellphone or digital technology (applications, computers)

Palmetto Pathfinders are asked to commit eight hours a month to assist and attend outreach events. The actual amount of time may vary, but will not be more than eight hours a month.

TRAINING & SUPPORT

- Successfully complete a two-day training course that builds the foundation to assist transitioning servicemembers and Veterans.
- Technical support for the Palmetto Pathfinder Application and the South Carolina Veteran Coalition.
- Pathfinder Managers to assist in connecting Pathfinders with requests for assistance and follow up to record outcomes of assistance provided.
- Regional Integration Officers to assist with developing solutions if the requests are complex.

BENEFITS

By serving as a Palmetto Pathfinders, they continue to serve the military and Veteran population in their community. Pathfinders become more aware of community organizations who assist the Veteran population and improve the quality of life for the Veteran community.

To learn more about becoming a Palmetto Pathfinder, contact

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