



EMPOWERED VETERAN INDEX

Through The Mission Continues, veterans are at the heart of community improvement efforts nationwide. The Empowered Veteran Index is our framework to measure and assess our impact on the veterans in our programs and in the communities we serve.

ABOUT THE EMPOWERED VETERAN INDEX

The Empowered Veteran Index is comprised of three components: personal growth, connectedness, and community impact. Each component is engrained in every program and event of The Mission Continues.



Personal Growth:

Through participation in The Mission Continues' programming and services, veterans develop and grow both professionally and personally in ways that help them successfully reintegrate to life after the military. Areas of growth include skill competency, leadership, sense of purpose, self-confidence, communication and well-being.

Connectedness:

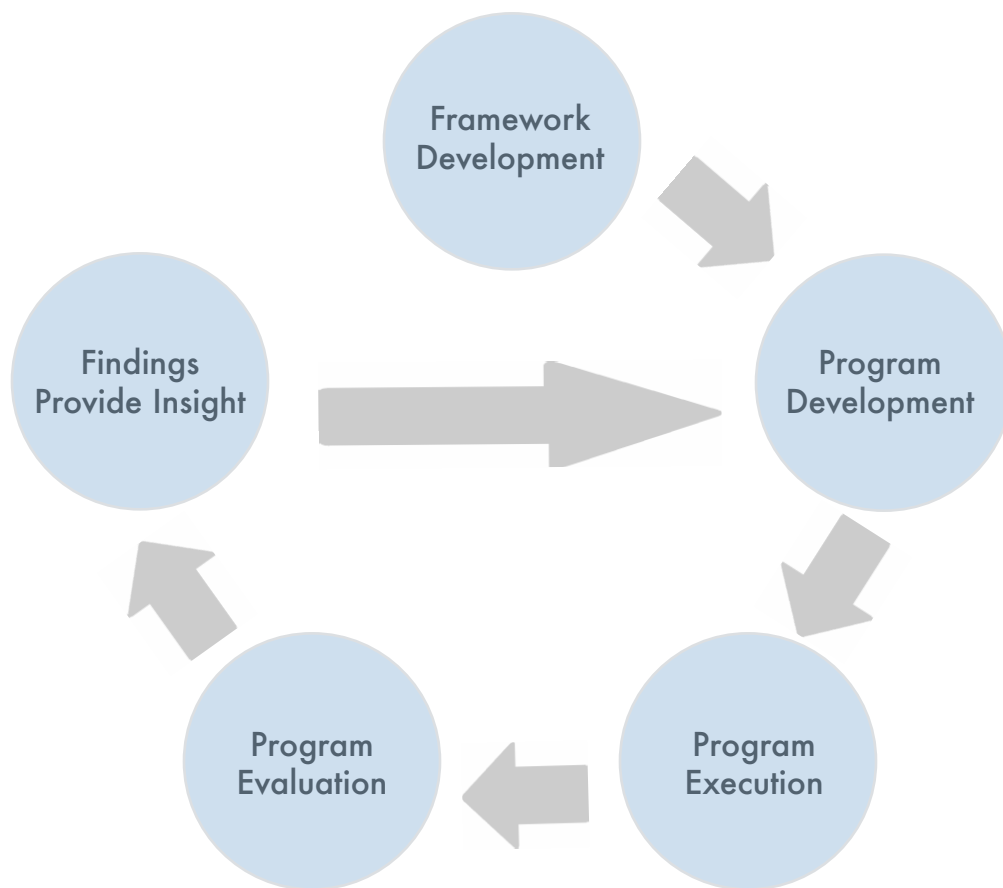
Through participation in The Mission Continues, veterans feel a deeper sense of connection—to other veterans, to their own community or social network, to The Mission Continues and/or to professional networks.

Community Impact:

By working to support the creation of empowered community organizations and/or the building of strong, healthy, and sustainable communities, veterans impact communities that need their help. Veterans also reap personal benefits (personal growth, connectedness) from their engagement, including better understanding non-veteran populations and being inspired to continue their service at home.

EMPOWERED VETERAN INDEX IMPLEMENTATION

We took a two-pronged approach to develop the Empowered Veteran Index by examining internal and external research of programs that serve similar veteran and community populations. Internally, we examined our research and program evaluation data to identify the top motivators for participation in The Mission Continues' programs. We reviewed what veterans say they get out of our programs and what benefits stand out from their experiences with us. Externally, we examined the current academic literature on the needs of returning veterans, ensuring our programs and services addressing the needs of veterans and the communities in which they serve through The Mission Continues.



The Empowered Veteran Index is foundational to program design, delivery and evaluation at The Mission Continues. Each of our programs and events are designed to provide veterans with an opportunity for personal growth, connectedness and community impact. Upon program delivery, we employ rigorous evaluations and assessments tools to learn where we might improve or strengthen our programs. We then use these insights to further improve and develop our programs to better serve our veterans and communities.

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