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Our Story
Overview

We put veterans first.

Clear Path helps veterans, service members, and military-connected family members find their place—physically, socially, spiritually, or in whichever form they need to heal and flourish. We take a holistic approach to wellness, offering veterans close-knit community, dynamic programming, and direct services—Because when veterans thrive, their families and communities thrive, too.

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Over a decade ago, two sisters and a retired Air Force veteran embarked on a mission to bring about meaningful change in the lives of veterans. Today, Clear Path for Veterans is a testament to that vision. Our ever-growing team is made up of more than 700 staff and volunteers working tirelessly to support those who have served our nation.

Our support knows no boundaries. We serve all veterans, service members, and military-connected families unconditionally—that is, regardless of branch, era of service, component (active, Guard, reserve), combat action, disability rating, and discharge status.

At the end of the day, the work we do here is not solely for the betterment of veterans but also for the betterment of the communities they call home. Our mission transcends duty—it is one of profound transformation. History reminds us that, when veterans and their families thrive, so do their communities; And when communities thrive, our Nation prospers. Armed with these guidelines, we have the power to make a difference—one veteran and family at a time.

Chris Flaherty
President and Chief Executive Officer
US Navy veteran
You found your place.

To find your place is to find peace and fulfillment in a community that supports every aspect of your well-being. More than a physical structure or specific coordinates, finding your place means finally feeling like you belong so that you can heal, grow, and become the best version of yourself.
What We Do

We take a whole-person approach to help veterans overcome adversity and thrive.

Guided by our pillars to connect, restore, and grow, we offer a range of programs, services, resources, and events to address the challenges that veterans experience and to improve their overall well-being.

**Connect**
No longer part of a close-knit team, former service members can feel isolated in the civilian world. Here, veterans find a new community of support and belonging—dramatically improving their outlook on life.

**Restore**
The obstacles veterans face impact not only them but also their loved ones. Here, veterans, families, and caregivers can heal, reset and readjust to life after service, and work toward a healthier, happier future.

**Grow**
It can be challenging for veterans to define their next steps in life. Here, they have a place to learn, develop new skills, adapt their military expertise to a successful civilian career, and discover a renewed sense of purpose.
## Key Achievements

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Executive Team

Chris Flaherty  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
US Navy veteran

Alex Behm  
Executive Director, Clear Path NY  
US Marine Corps veteran

Amy Bailey  
Chief Growth Officer

Gary Sadler  
National Director of Career Services  
US Navy veteran

Ashley Sullivan  
Communications Manager

Ryan Woodruff  
National Director of Canine Programs  
US Marine Corps veteran

Michael Sheets  
Corporate Executive Chef
Honest and passionate advocates for veterans.

The primary focus of the Clear Path for Veterans community is the well-being of veterans. But it’s not only what we do for veterans, but also how we do it: We hold our ethics and integrity to the highest standard. We foster a principle-driven culture of professionalism; maintain fiscal responsibility and transparency; and comply with all applicable laws, policies, and regulations.
Veterans living with post-traumatic stress (PTS), traumatic brain injury (TBI), and/or military sexual trauma (MST) can benefit from service-animal training to support the specific needs of their assigned veteran.

Our purpose-bred service dogs undergo an intensive 24-month program with certified trainers who tailor each dog’s training to the needs of their assigned veteran.
As our “front line” program, peer mentors reach veterans and their families wherever they are—in their homes, on the streets, and at our facilities.

We ensure that their basic needs, like food and housing, are met and we team up with local and national organizations to form a network to address every aspect of a veteran’s physical, emotional, and social well-being.
Family is the foundation of a strong support system. That’s why our holistic approach covers food, shelter, and access to mental and physical health care. But it doesn’t end there. We foster long-term well-being through wellness and enrichment programs tailored for spouses, caregivers, and children. It’s all about nurturing the entire family and ensuring a bright future for everyone involved.
Our Career Services Program goes beyond interview preparation and résumé workshops. Our job-placement program addresses the two sides of the employment equation so that both the veteran and the hiring company find success. Also, we pair veterans with career mentors, and we align with prospective companies that are interested in hiring veterans. This ensures that the companies are not only veteran-friendly but also veteran-ready.
Whether a veteran wants to share a meal or try their hand at preparing one, we offer opportunities centered around food and friendship. Since inception, our Culinary Programs have been essential in helping veterans and the greater community find their place.

We host weekly meals—both in our facilities and within the greater community—and seasonal events and memorials. Set to launch in 2024, our culinary-science course will culminate in accreditation and job placement in the food-service industry.
Wellness Programs

Our holistic approach to wellness addresses an individual’s emotional, intellectual, occupational, physical, social, and spiritual well-being. We have programs that alleviate pain, restore sleep, quiet the mind, and more—to improve comfort, health, and happiness. If they have a need that we don’t address, we partner with an organization that does. We do whatever it takes to get veterans the care they deserve.
Lifelong learning is an essential ingredient to mental well-being and happiness. At Clear Path, everyone has the opportunity to discover new hobbies, master new crafts, and develop new skills. Our group sessions not only help improve brain health but also memory and foster connections with others.
We invite you to follow along on our journey.
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Latest News
Testimonials

“For me personally, I really did find that sense of community that has been missing for the last decade of my life.”

BRIAN

“I have a safe place to come to. I can talk to people here without any judgment.”

JOHN

“To walk through the doors at any Clear Path location, a veteran crosses almost a physical boundary where they’ve entered their community.”

LARS
US ARMY | 2004–2010

“This is the new mission.”

NORM
US AIR FORCE | 1968–1972

“Clear Path is the best place on earth for veterans to gather with each other and their families. There is so much love and concern for each other. We will definitely return to this beautiful place.”

BONNIE
SPOUSE OF A VETERAN

“Clear Path sucks the hate right out of you.”

JOHN
US ARMY NATIONAL GUARD
US ARMY RESERVES | 1984–2000
We use the standard logo most often—it works in most applications, except for very small use.

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We use the horizontal logo when the height falls below 0.5 in./6 pt.

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