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**Reintegrating Veterans
into your community**

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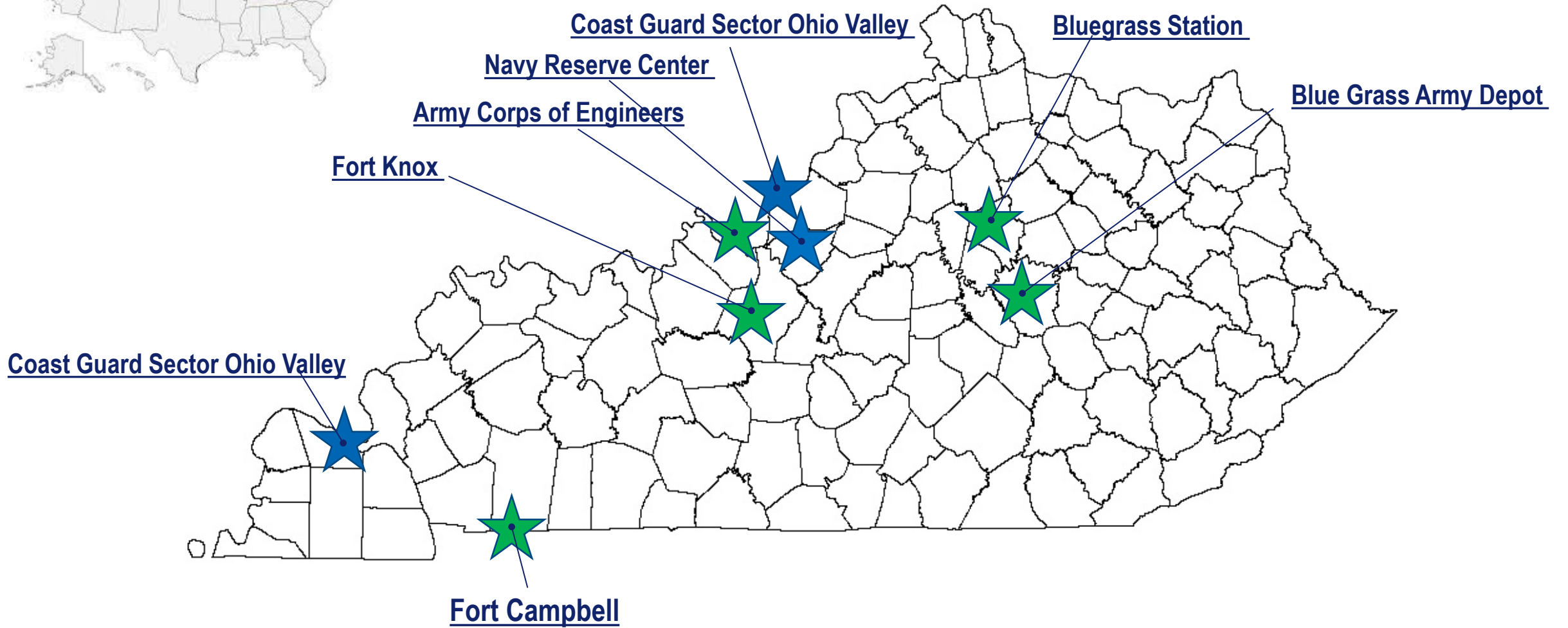
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**Global
Communities**
Ukraine



U.S. Military in Kentucky



Welcome and Introductions

- Introductions
- Why did you put Veterans Services as a priority on the survey?
- Current efforts to support Veterans in your community



Veterans' services in Ukraine

- AATC and its work with Veterans issues in communities
- Formation of a new Veteran policy of Ukraine
- Veterans' Assistant Institute and Veterans Affairs Service Offices
- Veteran spaces/hubs
- Veteran services at Administrative Service Centers
- #TsyfraZhakisnikam (digital solutions for Defenders)
- Accessibility/barrier-free efforts and needs
- Partnership with NGOs
- Single service for the rehabilitation of veterans



Reintegration of Veterans: Three Principles

Principle 1: Access to Care

Principle 2: Create a Safe Space

Principle 3: Support to find Purpose



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THE VETERAN'S JOURNEY

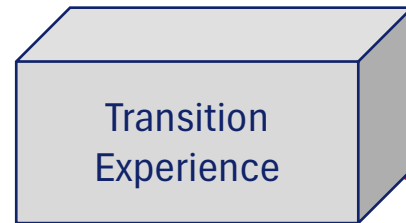
COMPETING DESTINATIONS IN THE MOVE FROM MILITARY TO CIVILIAN LIFE

+ Support network
 + Community involvement
 + Early success (academic, athletic, etc.)

+ Comradery
 + Sense of belonging
 + Promotions
 + Awards and recognition
 + Respect

Pre-Service Experience

Service Experience



- Childhood trauma
 - Serious disease
 - Adverse Childhood Experiences

- Serious illness or injury
 - Combat trauma
 - Military sexual trauma

Transition Issues

- Who am I?
- How do I provide for myself and my family?
- How do I maintain my physical, mental, and emotional health?
- To what communities do I belong?

The Thriving Veteran
 (Reaching full personal potential)

The Surviving Veteran
 (Meeting obligations, but not reaching full potential)

The Misfiring Veteran
 (Not meeting obligations)

Principle 1: Access to Care





Access to Care

- Needs Assessments
- Medical and Psychological Care
- Substance Abuse Issues
- Family Re-integration

Examples and discussion

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Principle 2: Create a Safe Space



Create a Safe Space

- Community Support Networks
- Veteran Support Organizations
- Housing
- Transportation
- Social

Examples and discussion



Principle 3: Support to Find Purpose





Finding Purpose

- A servant's heart
- Staying connected
- Strengths of Veterans

Examples and discussion







Discussion and Activity

- What do you think is the role of your community in providing services to Veterans?
- What are your short, medium and long term steps you can take?



Discussion and Activity

- What can AATC do to support its members?
- What recommendations would you give to AATC about providing services to Veterans?

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Thank You!

