

Conservation Corps looking for military vets for crews

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The California Conservation Corps seeks military veterans interested in forestry work to join veterans crews based in Northern California.

Members of the residential crews will live and work from CCC centers in Auburn and South Lake Tahoe, and receive paid training from the U.S. Forest Service in wildland firefighting and chain saw use, according to a California Conservation Corps news release. The crews will work on fuel reduction and other forestry-related projects. Some work may require 10-day camping and work stints away from the veterans' base center.

Veterans selected for the crew will receive a living stipend, room and board, and basic health insurance. Uniforms, safety gear and tools are provided.

To qualify, veterans must be between the ages of 18 and 25, have an honorable discharge or general discharge under honorable conditions, and not be on probation or parole. Those interested in applying for the program should contact the CCC by April 2.

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