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THE MISSION CONTINUES

EMPOWERING VETERANS
TO SERVE THEIR COUNTRY IN NEW WAYS

Thousands of veterans return from duty as leaders, yet struggle to translate their skills and passion here at home. The Mission Continues provides opportunities to ease this transition through continued service, so veterans can succeed with that same sense of purpose and intensity in the civilian world too.

REPORTING FOR DUTY—ORLANDO 1ST SERVICE PLATOON

Formed in October 2013, The Mission Continues 1st Platoon Orlando now includes more than 100 members — including 8 Mission Continues Alumni. The Platoon is focused on addressing issues impacting local youth and educational challenges in central Florida. The Platoon has conducted large-scale service missions with various nonprofits. Additionally, the Platoon has formed deep bonds as a new unit. Functioning in many ways like an active duty unit, they have created a genuine sense of support, friendship and camaraderie akin to their days in the military.

Lloyd Duran leads 1st Platoon Orlando. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps at age 17 and served four years as a Network Administrator and Platoon Sergeant. Lloyd deployed to Kuwait in 2003 to support the initial invasion of Iraq and was attached to a special forward command operating center serving on the front lines. Lloyd was honorably discharged from the military a year later, and struggled with the transition to civilian life. He missed the sense of purpose provided by the military, and decided to pursue an education. Lloyd earned a master's degree in social work, and a Mission Continues Fellowship at the Orlando Vet Center. The Orlando Vet Center supports combat veterans and their families, and Lloyd conducted research on veterans issues and provided evidence-based best practices to help address those issues. Lloyd is now pursuing his doctorate and continues to be an advocate for veterans — he works at the Orlando Veterans Affairs, serves as an officer at the Student Veterans Association at University of Central Florida and leads the Orlando Platoon.

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The Mission Continues was founded in 2007 after CEO Eric Greitens returned home from service in Iraq as a Navy SEAL. Upon his return, Eric visited with wounded Marines at Bethesda Naval Hospital in Maryland. Without exception, each Marine expressed an unwavering desire to continue serving his country, even if he could no longer do so in the military. Inspired, Eric used his own combat pay and two friends pitched in their military disability checks to found The Mission Continues.