

SkillBridge Veterans Program

SSVP

SELCAT is a registered SkillBridge provider through the Department Of Defense. SkillBridge programs are eligible for ACTIVE service members who qualify for SkillBridge within their last 180 days of service before exiting. Completion of SELCAT's SSVP program will allow direct entry into our apprenticeship upon exiting service.

Location: SELCAT Main Office- 90 Newnan South Industrial Drive Newnan, GA 30263

Class Sessions: Please see online calendar for dates.

<u>Duration</u>: The course is six weeks long. Typically, the first two weeks you will attend Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and released for Saturday and Sunday. Weeks three and four are FTS and students will remain at the facility for twelve straight days on campus and permitted to leave unless authorized to do so by an Instructor. Weeks five and six will be structured like weeks one and two, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

<u>Cost:</u> 100% Tuition Free! SELCAT does not charge a tuition to its apprentices. The SSVP course, as well as your apprenticeship is free. The following are provided while attending SSVP.

- During weeks one, two, five and six, students will be reimbursed for meals as follows; lunch is reimbursed at \$15 per meal, and dinner is reimbursed at \$25 a meal. No alcohol will be reimbursed, and receipts shall be turned into SELCAT's Office Manager at the end of each week. During weeks three and four, meals will be catered in during FTS. A full kitchen is on site and items may be purchased and prepared by students themselves if they choose.
- Lodging. SELCAT has dorm and shower rooms available for students.
- First-year curriculum books and online LMS access will be provided. Students will need to bring their laptop to class. If you don't have a laptop, one may be used while at SELCAT but is not to leave the facility.
- Climbing gear will be provided while at school for student use. All climbing gear and equipment must be returned before leaving SELCAT. Upon completion of SSVP, students will receive a tool bag with all required hand tools needed for line work courtesy of Milwaukee Tool and they will receive a \$1,000 gift card from Buckingham Mfg. to purchase climbing gear from their website.

Not Covered: Students must provide their transportation to and from class.

<u>Performance</u>: Students will be evaluated based on curriculum and testing, field evaluations, hands-on skill assessments, and attitude.

<u>Completion of SSVP</u>: Students successfully completing SSVP will be released to return to their home base. Once released from service, students will be placed on the list to be put to work as jobs become available. This is when you start your apprenticeship. Completing SSVP will allow you to start the apprenticeship as a second-step apprentice with 1,000 of credit towards your apprenticeship hours required.

<u>Wages</u>: Students participating in SkillBridge programs will receive their military pay and benefits while at school. Upon completion of SSVP, and when you begin the apprenticeship, you will start at an hourly pay of \$23.00-\$26.00 (depending on location of work, and subject to change depending on CBA) including your 100% employer covered benefits.

<u>Department of Veteran Affairs:</u> SELCAT is a registered apprenticeship program with the United States Department of Veteran Affairs. Since we don't charge tuition, your monthly VA (GI BILL/Post 911 Benefits) will go entirely to you! Use it as you wish...use to purchase your books for second and third year, traveling expenses, living expenses, however you choose.

<u>Other Facility Benefits</u>: Our facility also offers a fitness room, pool table, arcade games, shuffleboard, Wifi Tv's, fishing and more.

Other Questions:

Cohort Size- 5 per class (subject to change, could be more)

Industry Aptitude Test Required: NO

GI BILL: Yes, SELCAT is registered with the United States Department of Veteran Affairs

<u>Unrestricted CDL to apply</u>: No. **But, must obtain CDL within 60 days of exiting the military and before beginning the apprenticeship.

- **CDL Resources-
 - C&J CDL Training (classes offered at SELCAT's facility through this third-party company)
 - Application For Military Skills Test Waiver- See link below https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/sites/fmcsa.dot.gov/files/docs/registration/commercial-drivers-license/696/application-military-skills-test-waiver-41819.pdf
 - Credentialing Opportunities Online https://www.cool.osd.mil

Currently Accepting Applications: YES

Application Link: https://form.jotform.com/231027368259156