



## **SSVP**

SELCAT is a registered SkillBridge provider through the Department of Defense (DoD). 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 DOL-registered apprenticeship upon exiting service.

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

SELCAT SSVP Training Site Location- 11069 State Road 80 Moore Haven, FL 33471

### **2026 Class Sessions:**

- **March 2, 2026 – April 10, 2026**
  - Mandatory Online Interest Meeting: **January 7, 2026**
  - Graduation Date: **April 9, 2026**
- **September 7, 2026 – October 15, 2026**
  - Mandatory Online Interest Meeting: **July 15, 2026**
  - Graduation Date: **October 15, 2026**

Both classes are six (6) consecutive weeks. Each approved participant in SSVP will be required to begin online course material no later than 6 weeks before the start of their class.

### **Residency Requirement (VERY IMPORTANT):**

All SSVP participants MUST establish and maintain residency within SELCAT's jurisdiction post-SSVP completion and before beginning the apprenticeship through SSVP Direct Entry. Residency must be maintained throughout the entire apprenticeship.

**Duration:** The course is six weeks long. Typically, during the first two weeks, you will attend Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and be released on Saturdays and Sundays. 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.

**Cost:** 100% Tuition Free! SELCAT does not charge 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 in to 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.

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

**Completion of SSVP:** 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 (2<sup>nd</sup>) second-step apprentice with 1,000 of credit towards your apprenticeship hours required.

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

**Department of Veteran Affairs:** 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, etc.) benefits will go entirely to you! Use it as you wish...use it to purchase your books for the second and third year, traveling expenses, living expenses, however you choose.

**Industry Aptitude Test Required:** NO

**Cohort Size:** 10 Participants each Cohort

**Commercial Driver's License:** All participants who complete SSVP, will be given 60 days after exiting service to obtain a Class A CDL with no restrictions.

- **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>