

VETERANS ARE THE LIGHT AT THE TIP OF THE CANDLE, ILLUMINATING THE WAY FOR THE WHOLE NATION. IF VETERANS CAN ACHIEVE AWARENESS, TRANSFORMATION, UNDERSTANDING, AND PEACE, THEY CAN SHARE WITH THE REST OF SOCIETY THE REALITIES OF WAR, AND THEY CAN TEACH US HOW TO MAKE PEACE WITH OURSELVES AND EACH OTHER, SO WE NEVER HAVE TO USE VIOLENCE TO RESOLVE CONFLICTS AGAIN.
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Need to Knows to Answer the Call

- Our warrior-led ceremony has proven to drastically reduce the symptoms of PTS, compassion fatigue, moral injury, and suicidal ideation.
- The Rite of Return is available to Current and Prior Military Service Members, Spouses, Partners, Gold Star (18+), and Dependent Survivors of Veteran Suicide.
- All participants are interviewed for readiness and ability to hold a sacred and safe container with accountability to all.
- Up to eight participants for each ceremony in the wilderness of Eastern Washington.
- VR can assist with most barriers/abilities.



Welcome Home with Love and Honor

The mission of Veteran Rites is to initiate Veterans into True Identity, Purpose, and Belonging after military service.

We are grounded in nature, reverence, radical inclusion, with honor of body, soul, mind, spirit.

Veteran Rites honors everyone's individual journey, abilities, combat experience, military service, age, race, ethnicity, national origin, gender identity, sexual, religious, political, or spiritual preference.

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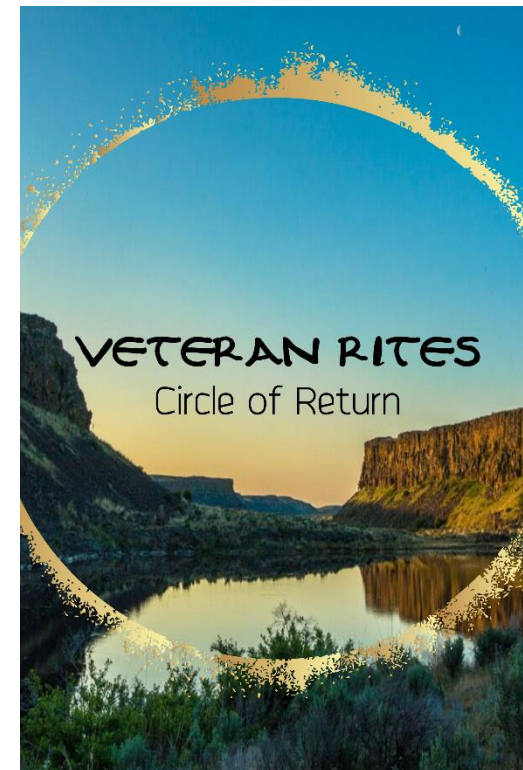
"As a former military dependent of 21 years (Navy doctor's daughter and Air Force Wife) and a former sufferer of PTSD for six years...I want to personally thank you for this film."
— Founder of Hero Film Festival

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12 Veterans undergo an ancient 12 day Vision Fast ceremony - out in the wilderness with minimal shelter, fasting, alone.





Answer the call and Live your truth

The Rite of Return is a rite of passage for warriors seeking to answer the soul's call for deep healing in the wilderness in order to lay down what longer serves and step into who you are truly called to be after military service.

Separated from society, in solidarity and solitude, cross the threshold as a Whole Warrior to answer Who Am I? What's My Purpose? Where do I Belong?

It is time to re-establish who we are in this world after military service.

At the Rite of Return, veterans sever from society and experience 12 days of ceremony in the wilderness with other vets, including four days of solitude and fasting, with a marked return that is held and witnessed by a community of guides, veterans, and civilians.

“My wife has told me this is the first time we have actually connected in years. Our roles have changed completely.”

- OIF Army Veteran -

The return marks the beginning of a veteran's process of incorporating that which they have gained and learned during their time in service and explored in the context of time alone in the wilderness, so they may bring their gifts home, able to participate more fully in service of their families and their community.

The experience evokes a psychological death and an emergence of one's true and whole identity in body, soul, mind, and spirit.



Circles of Return: Solidarity that Sticks

The bonds consecrated in ceremony with fellow initiates are further supported with in-person and online Veterans Council and Circles of Return that bridge a whole community to spaces that Connect, Heal, and Inspire.

Mirroring Workshops, hybrid and weekend trainings available to the entire military family, enable our initiates to remain rooted in the their “I AM” and the Four Shields of Human Nature.

The peer-led teams formed on the land are then reinforced for 12 months by Veteran Rites.

Full Circle Veteran Engagement

If called from within, initiates are empowered to experiment, shape, and deploy their wisdom, experience, and talents in circles or on the land.

