

Service Learning: Vision for Vets

Corrin Tangarone (Public Relations); Melissa Martins (Global Business & Management);
 Rebecca Zellin (Global Business); Jillian Isenstadt (Global Business)
 Sonia Alleyne, Executive in Residence, Institute for Public Service



The Challenge

Home Base

- Home Base, a Red Sox Foundation and Massachusetts General Hospital Program, is a National Center of Excellence dedicated to healing the invisible wounds for veterans of all eras, service members, military families, and families of the fallen.

As a result of a variety of systemic challenges, Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) veterans are more likely to:

- Develop PTSD and other mental illnesses,
- Have trouble readjusting,
- Feel disconnected from those around them, and
- Avoid seeking help



The Process

Step One: Research

- Conducted research on the problems BIPOC veterans face and the support provided by existing organizations.

Step Two: Needs

- Assessed the needs of BIPOC veterans based on the research.

Step Three: Recommendations

- Concluded that the most significant needs of BIPOC veterans are access to housing and education resources, adequate mental health care, military justice, and advocacy.



Reflections

Melissa:

- *"I appreciated the opportunity to learn more about the BIPOC community and what organizations can do to help. This project opened my eyes to the hardships not only veterans face, but the ones BIPOC veterans face."*



Corrin:

- *"Doing this research on the BIPOC community and learning more about Home Base as an organization was so rewarding. This project gave me a deeper perspective into the communities surrounding us in Boston and allowed me to learn more about myself as an individual."*

