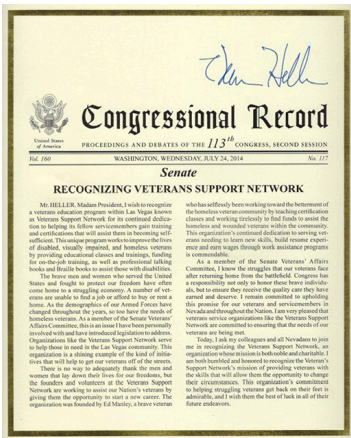




**EDWARD MANLEY,  
FOUNDER**



*Certification graduation celebration lunch at the Golden Nugget, Las Vegas*



*VSN Certificate of Congressional Recognition*

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### VETERAN SUPPORT NETWORK EMPOWERS VETERANS AND CHANGES LIVES

Veterans face unique challenges as they transition to civilian life, and one of the most pressing is finding meaningful, sustainable employment. **Veteran Support Network (VSN)** helps veterans build a brighter future through education and certification, particularly in the food service industry.

Founded by **Edward Manley**, a retired Army veteran with extensive experience in both the military and food service industries, VSN focuses on providing military personnel and civilians with tools they need to succeed. Through its innovative programs, it empowers veterans to gain valuable management skills and certifications that can open doors to new opportunities.

At the heart of VSN's mission is the Manley Method — a rigorous online training system designed to teach, test, and certify individuals, equipping them with the latest knowledge and skills employers are seeking. "We change lives by helping veterans figure out what they want to do in life and build a resume that stands out," says Manley.

The organization offers an extensive certification program aimed primarily at military food service personnel, where proper certifications often make the difference in terms of job placement and promotions. According to Manley, **54% of those who made E-9 over a 10-year period had VSN's certifications** — a testament to the effectiveness of these programs. Program participants earn a certificate that makes them more competitive for jobs with better earnings and growth potential.

VSN also serves unhoused veterans by providing them with the resources to update their resumes and gain certifications that boost their confidence and job prospects. This includes access to a \$1999 GI Bill-approved program, which is offered at no cost to veterans.

VSN is expanding its mission to reach other industries like restaurants, catering, and health care. "We want veterans to understand that their GI Bill can be used for more than just college," Manley explains. "They can use it to gain industry-specific certifications that help them land better jobs and move up the career ladder."

In addition to providing certifications, VSN partners with the **National Veteran Business Development Council's (NVBDC) MVO Task Force** to further support veterans in their careers. This collaboration helps increase VSN's reach and impact, ensuring more veterans have access to the resources and support they need to thrive.



*First class at Veterans Village, Las Vegas, with unhoused veterans*

VSN also celebrates significant achievements, as when its certifications were accepted by **CMS (Medicare/Medicaid)** as one of the only two approved certifications for food service managers in nursing homes and long-term-care facilities.

Manley has dedicated over 50 years to serving the food service community, and was the **second-ever President Emeritus of the International Food Service Executives Association (IFSEA)**. Manley also is the founder of the **Enlisted Aide of the Year Award**, which honors military chefs serving high-ranking officers, and the **Military Culinary Competition**, a celebrated community event held outside the Marine Barracks in Washington, D.C., for 16 years.

For Manley, it all comes down to giving back. "We do what we do because we believe in helping others," he says. "I want to change lives and help veterans get the careers they deserve."

To learn more about how you can support **Veteran Support Network** or participate in its programs, visit [www.vetsupportnetwork.org](http://www.vetsupportnetwork.org) or reach out to Manley directly at [ed@ehmanley.com](mailto:ed@ehmanley.com).