

WELCOMING OUR COMMUNITY HEROES HOME

More than 50 years ago, our very own founder, Sam Walton, joined the United States Army Intelligence Corps and served in World War II. Today, our company continues to hold U.S. veterans in a special place.

Walmart, strives to carry on “Mr. Sam’s” goals of the value of leadership through service in the communities in which we serve. Providing affordable products for our customers and building up the community around our stores has been the basis in which drives our company.

With 12 percent of post 9/11 veterans in the United States unemployed, Walmart is working to eliminate the large unemployment number and hopes other companies will follow their lead.

“Our goal is to give back to those men, women and their families who risked their lives to serve our country and community,” said Joey Bale, manager of Omaha, Nebraska’s local Walmart. “It’s our duty to make sure these men and women have a place to work after they leave the service.”

As of now, Walmart’s responsible for providing more than 100,000 jobs in stores, clubs, distribution centers and offices to veterans across the U.S. In five years we

hope to double that number with Walmart's new initiative, "Veterans Welcome Home Commitment," launching this Memorial Day.

Veterans have been instilled with discipline, respect and leadership throughout their training and these qualities are what Walmart looks for when hiring. The company thinks that all fellow associates have the opportunity to learn from the veterans and should support them after all their sacrifices while serving us.

Community is a major component of Walmart and we strive to improve and build upon the communities in which we serve everyday. As we begin hiring new associates and welcoming them into our Walmart community, remember the service they did for our country and us. Let's learn from these men and woman of outstanding character and welcome them back with kind smiles and warm hearts.