

*"Taking care of the invisible wounds is a theme throughout the course, and the dedication of those in the room to support one another allows for continued healing."*

2019 PCVI graduate, USMC  
veteran

*"By engaging unflinchingly with this material...PCVI brings forth meaningful discussion that one would be hard pressed to find in any form of school or therapy alone. Simply put, it is both, and its value can only be understood through the changes it invokes in the lives of those it touches."*

2021 PCVI graduate, Navy  
veteran

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*"PCVI offered the most unique experience of self-discovery through the arts and history, and shared military service experiences..the thoughts I carry from class to class have led to a better understanding of the situations military service placed me in; but more, how those experiences have changed my life and the person I have become."*

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Using **philosophy, art, literature, history, and theater** as our tools, we'll explore themes of service, combat, and homecoming. In the fall we'll look at the **Ancient Greeks and the US Civil War**; in spring we'll discuss **the World Wars, Vietnam, and the post-9/11 conflicts**.

Often the best way to make sense of profound and soul-shaking experiences is to examine them intellectually, through the study of history, and the exploration of great works of philosophy, literature, history and art. **The Providence Clemente Veterans' Initiative** will provide this opportunity, while serving as a supportive and enriching bridge to college, helping build critical reading, writing, and thinking skills in preparation for school, work, and civic life.

**The Providence Clemente Veterans' Initiative** is a place where veterans can explore ideas and experiences in a non-judgmental setting, working with experienced professors.

**6 credits from Bard College are available, without using any V.A. educational benefits.**

Books and tuition are free

Computer assistance available

Open to all RI and Bristol County MA veterans, regardless of discharge status, deployment, rank or education

**When:** Monday/Thursday 6-8pm. Classes start mid-~~EMW TW~~ and continue until May.

**Where:** Online (Zoom).

**To apply, go to:**

**PVDvets.org**

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## What Graduates Are Saying

*"Veterans are able to sit in a room full of others who have shared experiences. The literary resources put language to the complex feelings veterans have, and provide explanations of those feelings. It opens the door for veterans to contribute in a new way that validates their experiences and harnesses their skills. It affirms that you still have a purpose." 2019 graduate*

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*"For the first time since I came home 50 years ago, I felt the camaraderie that I had experienced in Vietnam. The experience of this course made me feel that I was finally home. I was listened to & accepted. Thank you from the bottom of my heart, a heart you have helped heal." 2020 graduate*

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*"It's a contagious, remarkable thing to be a part of. The PCVI is changing how I see myself and the world. It's giving me peace where I once held pain. It's providing me with a vocabulary to understand my wartime experiences and talk about them. It's giving me a true home and community. PCVI has helped me reclaim my past."*

*2020 graduate*