



# FYI FROM DPI

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## DPI SUPPORTS VETERANS, MILITARY FAMILIES



After his 17-year career flying in the Air Force, Stephen Harrington (pictured left) could have earned an impressive salary as a commercial airline pilot. Instead, Harrington traded in his pilot's license for a teaching license, and today he helps to lead Holly Grove Middle School as an assistant principal.

Thanks to the federal program [Troops to Teachers](#) and DPI staff members, Harrington received the support he needed to learn about the teaching profession, navigate curriculum, and earn his teaching license so that he could continue to serve North Carolina in his new career in education.

Read and hear more about Harrington's journey in WUNC Radio's story, "[Turning Troops into Teachers.](#)"

### DPI staff members support veterans and military families by:

- Conducting pre-retirement briefings and "Teaching as a Second Career" seminars at all NC active duty installations;
- Connecting via phone/email with 11,000+ retired and separating military, veterans, reserve and National Guard personnel annually to provide counseling regarding the transition to careers in education;
- Coordinating state council meetings of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children;
- Collaborating with four state-funded Military Liaison Counselors who support military-connected children in Craven, Cumberland, Onslow, and Wayne County school systems as well as military installation school liaison officers at all active duty installations;
- Implementing provisions of the Brass to Class Act (offering military experience for salary purposes to military members with leadership or instructional roles entering the education profession); and
- Providing special high school diplomas to veterans of World War II, the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam War.



**Troops to Teachers educators work in counties across North Carolina:**



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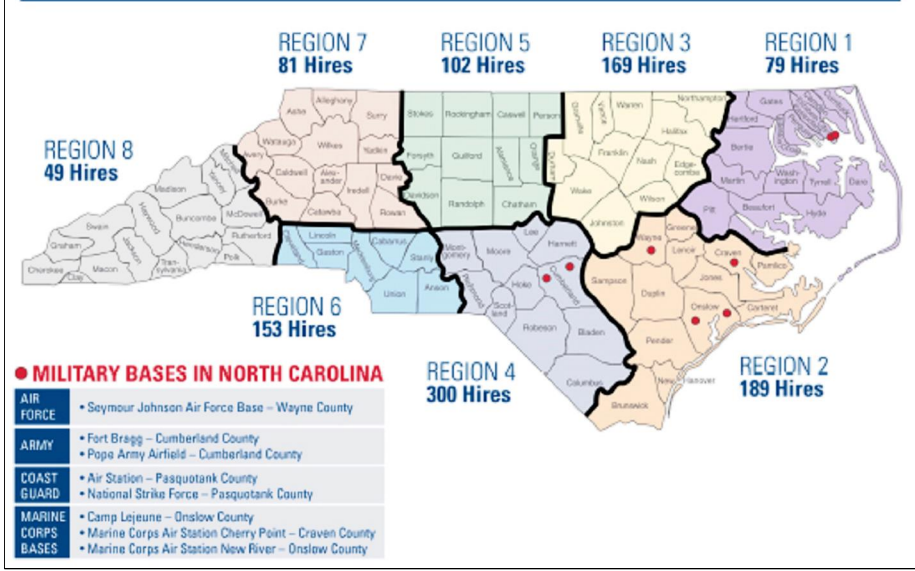
### Schools in the News

- 2014-15 Title I Rewards Schools Named
- Schools, Districts Honored for High Graduation Rates in 2013-14
- NC SAT Scores Improve in 2014





# TROOPS-TO-TEACHERS 1994-2013 Hires by Region



To learn more, visit DPI's [Troops to Teachers](#) and [Military Support](#) websites.