In-Text Citations and Works Cited List

In-text citations alert your reader that you are citing or paraphrasing another author's ideas. Here are two ways to create in-text citations using MLA style:

Include the author's name directly in the text of the sentence:	Include the author's name and page number if available in parentheses at the end of the sentence:
Lawhorne-Scott and Philpott point out that veteran's "feelings of guilt or self-blame cause much distress and can prevent a person from reaching out for help" (117).	Another obstacle to treatment can be veteran's "feelings of guilt or self-blame cause much distress and can prevent a person from reaching out for help" (Lawhorne-Scott and Philpott, 117).

This is what in-text citation looks like in an essay:

parenthetical reference to author & page

Parenthetical reference to title (no author)

in-text reference to multiple authors

> Veterans dealing with bodily injury, traumatic brain injury, and post-traumatic stress disorder face significant barriers to treatment. Disabled veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan wait an average of to six months for their claims to be processed, and the appealing a rejected claim takes an average of five years (Katel, 361). The Bush administration underestimated the cost of caring for veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and the federal government has since been playing catch up funding departments such as the Department of Veterans Affairs ("Senate"). In addition, Lawhorne-Scott and Philpott point out that sometimes veteran's "feelings of guilt or self-blame cause much distress and can prevent a person from reaching out for help" (117). Peter Katel's report on veteran care concludes that veterans' needs are on-going and extensive, and addressing those needs will require a shift in national priorities (379).

Each time you refer to an author's work in the text of your paper – in-text citation – a corresponding full citation is made at the end of your paper – your works cited list:

> Works Cited
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> Katel, Peter. "Caring for Veterans." *CQ Researcher* 23 Apr. 2010: 361-84. Web. 12 Feb. 2014.
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> Lawhorne-Scott, Cheryl and Don Philpott. *Military Mental Health Care: A Guide for Service*
>   *Members, Veterans, Families, and Community*. Lahham, MD.: Rowman & Littlefield
>   Publishers, 2013.
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> "Senate Approves Additional Money for Veterans' Health Care." *The Washington Post*: 0. Jul 30
>   2005. *ProQuest.* Web. 12 Feb. 2014 .