Veteran Career Resources

The transition from military to civilian life comes with challenges, one being the job search. At Career Development, we desire to partner with you as you navigate this transition. Career Development is happy to meet with you to discuss your vocational calling, deciding on a major, the job search, resume writing, or any other career-related topic.

A veteran transitioning into his or her first civilian job has many things in common with any other career changer. For this reason, we encourage using the following resources (found on the Career Development tab of the ROCK) if applicable to your situation:

- "Resume Writing for Career Changers" (Downloadable handout)
 - We recommend using this <u>Interview Mastery website</u> to help you translate military language into civilian terms
- "Cover Letter Writing for Career Changers" (Downloadable handout)
- "The Strategic Career Changer" (Video)

Northwestern Contact Info

If you have questions about tuition benefits or need a certifying official, please click this <u>link</u> or use the contact information below:

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Veteran's Preference

Veterans' Preference gives eligible veterans preference in hiring decisions over many other applicants. Veterans' preference applies to virtually all new appointments in both the competitive and excepted service. To determine whether you are eligible, go to FedshireVets.gov.

General Career Resources

American Corporate Partners - Free long-term career development services for veterans.

Job Transitioning for Vets and Former Military

Marine for Life - Connecting Marines with Opportunities.

Military.com - Veteran Employment Center - Deals with topics such as career transition, VA



loans, financial planning, GI Bill and education services, travel, relocation, military news, community and more.

Military Officers Association of America - Represents the interests of military officers in their careers.

<u>Student Veterans of America</u> - Resources and support for student veterans.

<u>Suiting Warriors</u> - Seeks to provide veterans with professional attire that will help them to compete in the workforce.

<u>The Entrepreneurship Boot camp for Veterans with Disabilities</u> - Training related to entrepreneurship for post-9/11 veterans with disabilities.

The Riley Guide - Military Personnel - Lists resources for military personnel transitioning into civilian life.

Job Search Websites

AbilityOne.org - Network designed to help veterans with severe disabilities find work in the non-profit sector.

CorporateGray.com - Connects veterans with military friendly employers.

G.I. Jobs - Job search resources for veterans.

Hire Heroes USA - Transition assistance and job search assistance to those who have served.

Jobs with the Department of Veterans Affairs

Military Friendly.com - Includes annual list of Top 100 Military Friendly Employers.

RecruitMilitary.com - Free for veterans military-to-civilian recruiting firm.

Return to Work - Vocational rehabilitation and employment services for veterans.

<u>The Mission Continues</u> - Fellowships to empower wounded and disabled veterans to serve in their communities.

<u>Veterans' Job Search and Transition Resource Center</u> - Contains job search websites and articles on transitioning to the civilian workforce.

<u>VetJobs.com</u> - Serves transitioning military members to the civilian work force.

<u>USAJobs.gov</u> - The federal government's employment database for all government agencies.