

Real Solutions for Real Needs: Wounded Service Members Employment Resource List



General Resource Sites

Military Severely Injured Center:

24/7 Family Support: 1-888-774-1361: www.military.com/support

A comprehensive career services website that includes employment information for wounded Service members and veterans. Among the information and services provided:

- A "Wounded Veteran Job Search" database
- A listing of "Veteran-Friendly" Employers
- A "Tool Box" which includes a Skills Translator, Resume Builder, and Salary Calculator
- Various links to other Veteran Resources
- Articles and information regarding career events, transitional services, etc.

Operation Warfighter: http://www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil/operationwarfighter

The DoD Military Severely Injured Center is sponsoring Operation Warfighter (OWF), a temporary assignment or internship program for Service members who are undergoing therapy at military treatment facilities in the United States. Operation Warfighter is designed to provide recuperating Service members with meaningful activity outside of the hospital environment that assists in their wellness and offers a formal means of transition back to the military or civilian workforce.

The U.S. Army Wounded Warrior Program: www.AW2.army.mil

The Department of the Army's Wounded Warrior Program (AW2) provides its severely disabled Soldiers and their families with a system of advocacy and follow-up to provide personal support that assists them in their transition from military service and into the civilian community.

The AW2 website includes Disabled Soldier News, Links, FAQ's, and resource information for service members.

Marine for Life: www.m4l.usmc.mil/

The mission is to provide transition assistance to Marines who honorably leave active service and return to civilian life and to support injured Marines and their families.

M4L offers help for wounded marines while they are waiting to return to service, in addition to supporting marines and their families during the transition process to civilian employment.

Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center: http://www.dvbic.org/

The mission of the Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center (DVBIC) is to serve active duty military, their dependents and veterans with traumatic brain injury (TBI) through state-of-the-art medical care, innovative clinical research initiatives, and educational programs.

Transitional Services

Seamless Transition - Operation Enduring Freedom/ Iraqi Freedom:

www.seamlesstransition.va.gov/

This is the Department of Veteran Affairs site that offers assistance to veterans of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom while they transition into civilian life. The areas of interest are: Benefits, Medical, Dependants, Transition Assistance, Active Duty and Reservists/National Guard.

DoD TransPortal: www.dodtransportal.org/dav/lsnmedia/LSN/dodtransportal "The DoD Web Portal for Military Transitioner"

This site is designed specifically to assist service members leaving active duty. The four main areas of the website are:

- Transition Assistance general information regarding benefits and services available to transitioning individuals
- Preseparation Guide a DoD publication that presents information regarding transition services, resources, and options to service members
- At Your Service provides contact information for all Transition Assistance Offices, as well as links to other transition related websites
- Your Next Career provides several different areas of information relating to job searches

Disabled Transition Assistance Program (DTAP): www.dol.gov/vets/programs/tap/main.htm

The Transition Assistance Program (TAP) was established to meet the needs of separating service members during their period of transition into civilian life by offering job-search assistance and related services.

Service members leaving the military with a service-connected disability are offered the Disabled Transition Assistance Program (DTAP) from the Veterans Affairs representatives. DTAP includes the normal three-day TAP workshop, plus additional hours of individual instruction to help determine job readiness and address the special needs of veterans with disabilities.

Reemployment

DoD Vets: http://www.dodvets.com/

This website provides a wide range of information relating to DoD employment opportunities for disabled veterans. Sections include:

- Disabled Veterans General Information
- Disabled Veterans Questions & Answers
- Internships
- Scholarships and Fellowships
- · Grants, Loans, and Financial Aid
- Education and Training
- Manager General Information
- Manager Questions and Answers
- Transition Centers

REALifelines - Recovery and Employment Assistance Lifelines:

www.dol.gov/vets/programs/Real-life/main.htm

REALifelines is a new program dedicated to providing individualized job training, counseling, and reemployment services to wounded service members. Their website provides contact information for enrollment, as well as FAQ's.

President's National Hire Veterans Committee - Hire Vets First: www.hirevetsfirst.gov/

This comprehensive career website is designed to help employers find qualified veterans, as well as help veterans to make the most of a national network of employment resources. The website includes a job search database, military skills translator, resume writer, helpful links, and contact information for employment specialists.

Veterans Employment and Training Service (VETS): www.dol.gov/vets/

The Mission statement for VETS is to provide Veterans with the resources and services to succeed in the 21st century work force by maximizing their employment opportunities, protecting their employment rights and meeting labor-market demands with qualified Veterans.

eVets: www.dol.gov/elaws/evets.htm

The e-VETS Resource Advisor assists veterans preparing to enter the job market. It includes information on a broad range of topics, such as job search tools and tips, employment openings, career assessment, education and training, and benefits and special services available to veterans.

Always a Soldier: http://www.amc.army.mil/alwaysasoldier/

The "Always A Soldier" program provides service-connected disabled veterans opportunities to seek employment, career advancement, job mobility, family economic well-being, and greater financial security.

The program is an Army Material Command based initiative, and the website provides information regarding the program, employment opportunities, and important links.

Vocational Services

Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Services: www.vba.va.gov/bln/vre/index.htm

This website provides a variety of resources for Veterans, including information regarding employment and vocational services and assistance.

State Vocational Rehabilitation Services: janweb.icdi.wvu.edu/SBSES/VOCREHAB.HTM

This website lists vocational rehabilitation services for each state and U.S. territory. Vocational Rehabilitation, a state-supported division of services, assists individuals with disabilities who are pursuing meaningful careers. VR supports individuals in securing gainful employment commensurate with their abilities and capabilities through local job searches and awareness of self-employment and telecommuting opportunities.

Accommodations & Assistive Technology

Computer/Electronic Accommodations Program (CAP): www.tricare.osd.mil/cap/

The Computer/Electronic Accommodations Program (CAP) is committed to providing assistive technology to returning wounded service members. Accommodations are available for service members with injuries that have caused vision or hearing loss, dexterity impairments, including upper extremity amputees, as well as communication and cognitive difficulties.

CAP works with the Department of Defense (DoD) and the Department of Veterans' Affairs to assist in the "reemployment process." If a service member remains on active duty or becomes a civilian within DoD or another Federal agency, CAP can provide the work related accommodation to the agency free of charge for internship and/or permanent employment.

Job Accommodation Network (JAN): www.jan.wvu.edu

JAN is a free consulting service designed to increase the employability of people with disabilities by:

- 1) providing individualized worksite accommodations solutions
- 2) providing technical assistance regarding the ADA and other disability related legislation
- 3) educating callers about self-employment options.