

Job Search Strategies for Veterans

Top 5 Strategies

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Prepare

Take some time to assess yourself and determine what it is you want from your job.

As a veteran...

You bring many skills and qualities that employers look for, but you need to present them in a way employers can understand and appreciate. It can take about six months to find a career position, so be sure to utilize many strategies in your job search.

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Value your Military Experience

Be sure to explain your skills and qualities developed in the military in civilian-friendly terms.

- ★ Identify transferable skills (e.g. communication skills, leadership qualities, team player, flexibility, etc.).
- ★ Focus on achievements and areas of strength. Review military evaluations for any accomplishments you can highlight on your resume or in an interview.
- ★ Utilize O*Net's My Next Move for Veterans (www.mynextmove.org/vets). Enter your MOC or MOS and review the resulting list of tasks and responsibilities that reflect your military experience.

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Improve your Job Search Paperwork

Utilize the UCI Division of Career Pathways through workshops, Drop-In Advising, and one-on-one counseling appointments. Get a copy of the Job Search Guide.

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Network with Everyone!

Networking is frequently cited as the best method to land a job or internship. Use your military connections, social media sites, information interviews, volunteering, and other methods where you interact with others.

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Target your Search

Use resources that are already military-friendly. Check out veteran-friendly employers on military.com and the Top 100 Military Friendly Employers!

★ **Stay Positive!** ★

The job search process is stressful, but there are many employers that are looking for the skills YOU developed during your time in the military!

