Veterans - Re-Inventing Yourself for a Civilian Career

Making the transition to the civilian workforce can be hard, regardless of how long you served in the military. Finding a new career and beginning a job-search is a major undertaking. You don't have to go through this transition alone. Resources are available to help empower you to succeed in your transition from military service to civilian worker.

The Transition Assistance Program (TAP), a partnership among the Departments of Defense, Veterans Affairs, Transportation and the Department of Labor’s Veterans’ Employment and Training Service (VETS), gives employment and training information to armed-forces members within 180 days of separation or retirement. TAP consists of comprehensive three-day workshops at selected military installations nationwide, covering topics such as career exploration, job-search strategies, and job-search tools preparation.

The Veterans Gold Card, a joint effort of the Department of Labor’s Employment and Training Administration (ETA) and the VETS, which provides unemployed post-9/11 veterans with intensive career counseling, career guidance, skills assessment, job leads, and follow-up. These services are available at any Missouri Job Center.

The Career Skills Program allows transitioning Service Members within 180 days of separation the opportunity to intern at a local business, learning new job skills and having the possibility of moving right into a job once they have left the military. Check with your local Job Center for more information.

Experienced staff are available to assist you at Missouri Job Centers located statewide. Find your local Job Center and stop by to learn more about these and other Veterans’ Employment Services!

Military to Civilian job transition articles:

1. Re-brand Yourself for a New Career
2. Military to Civilian Transition

For additional information about Missouri Division of Workforce Development services, contact a Missouri Job Center near you. Locations and additional information are available at jobs.mo.gov or 1-888-728-JOBS (5627). Missouri Division of Workforce Development is an equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Missouri TTY users can call (800) 735-2966 or Missouri Relay 7-1-1.