

Employing Veterans



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Telling the Story Today -

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Hiring our Veterans –

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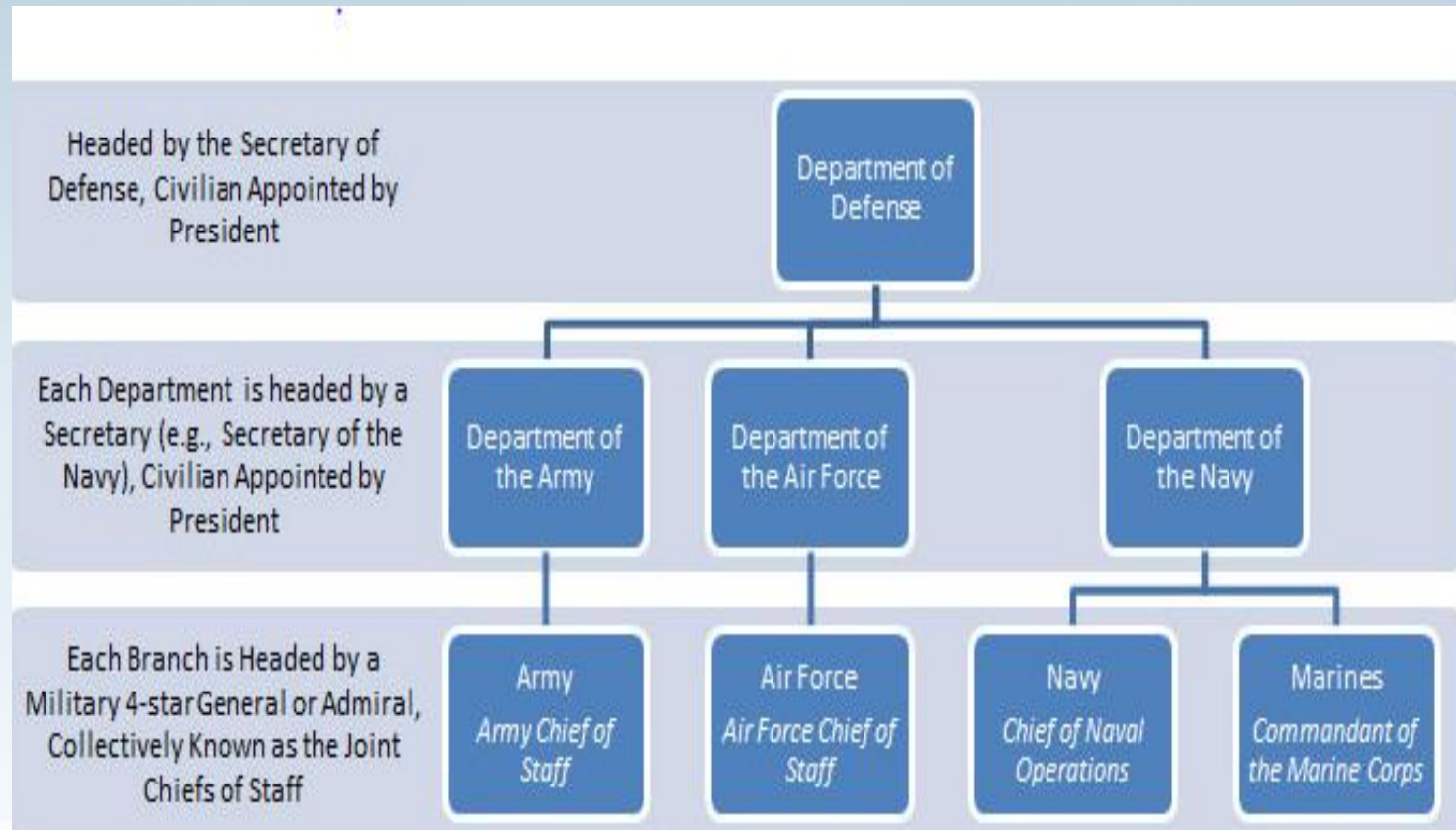
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Today's outline:

- Understanding the Military Experience
- The Veteran Employee
- Supporting Veterans in the Workplace



Military Structure and Branches



Military Personnel

- Enlisted (84%) – perform specific job functions
- Warrant Officers (2%) – highly specialized experts
- Commissioned Officers (14%) – management and leadership roles, need bachelors degree or higher

The Average Soldier

RANK: E-4 (Corporal or Specialist)

AGE: 22

TIME IN SERVICE: 4 Years

BASE PAY: \$2,081.10 per month

EDUCATION: High School Graduate

MARITAL STATUS: Married w/ two Children

RACE: 60% Caucasian/40% Ethnic Minority

GENDER: 85% Male - 15% Female

AVERAGE WORK DAY: When the mission is complete

Basic Tenets of Military Culture

- *Duty, Honor, Country"*
- The military emphasizes discipline and hierarchy, prioritizes the group over the individual, and uses specific rituals and symbols to convey important meanings and transitions.
- Military law requires commanding officers and those in authority to demonstrate virtue, honor, patriotism, and subordination in all that they do.

Deployment....

“The reason First Platoon did not get wiped out had nothing to do with the Apaches flying overhead or the 155s at Blessing; it was because the men reacted not as individuals but as a unit. Stripped to its essence, combat is a series of quick decisions and rather precise actions carried out in concert with ten or twelve other men. In that sense it's much more like football than, say, like a gang fight. The unit that choreographs their actions best usually wins. They might take casualties, but they win.

“That choreography -- you lay down fire while I run forward, then I cover you while you move your team up -- is so powerful that it can overcome enormous tactical deficits.... The choreography always requires that each man make decisions based not on what's best for him, but on what's best for the group. If everyone does that, most of the group survives. If no one does, most of the group dies.

“That, in essence, is combat.”

Sebastian Junger, War

What deployments are like -

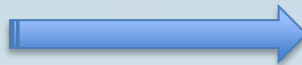
It depends...

- ✓ Location
- ✓ Occupation
- ✓ Duration
- ✓ Communication
- ✓ Reintegration

Challenges in Transitioning from Combat to Home – “Battlemind” -

Combat -Zone

- Cohesion with buddies
- Accountability and control
- Targeted aggression
- Tactical awareness
- Lethally armed
- Emotional control
- Non-defensive driving
- Discipline and obeying orders



Home -Zone

- Withdrawal from others
- Lack of control
- Hyper-vigilance
- Inappropriate aggression
- “Locked and loaded” at home
- Detached and uncaring
- Aggressive driving
- Giving orders leads to conflict
no clear “chain of command”)

Why Hire Veterans.....

- Veterans bring with them the skills to do the job in a timely and efficient manner
- Veterans have both the hard and soft skills coveted by employers - such as leadership, integrity, management, teamwork, accountability, and responsibility
- Federal tax incentives - \$1,200 to \$9,600 per hire – under the Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC) Program

The Veteran Employee

- Working well in a team
- Having a sense of duty
- Experiencing self-confidence
- Being organized and disciplined
- Possessing a strong work ethic
- Having the ability to follow through on assignments
- Possessing a variety of cross-functional skills
- Being able to problem solve, adapt to changing situations, and follow rules and schedules

ability accomplish action assess aware calm changing concepts conscious country direction employees enable
exist experienced health integrity leaders leadership learned locations manage materials maturity
military organization policy practical pressure procedure proven resources
responsibility result safety schedules service situation skills strategic supervision
teamwork translate tremendous understand unique unsurpassed various
veterans work

Veteran Recruitment and Hiring

- Advertise jobs and search for candidates on jobsnd.com – Veterans are identified with a U.S. flag by their name
- Advertise on social media sites
- Have a job fair; traditional or virtual; multiple or single
- Have a dedicated military section on your organization's website
- Encourage Veteran employees to refer fellow Veterans for job openings
- Develop a PR campaign to market your organization as military-friendly

Issues Veterans face in the job market -

“Would like to find some work. My old location it's hard to find work. So I moved from Philadelphia, PA because I was told you can find work here. So I'm here. Thank you for any help you can give.”

Issues Veterans face in the job market -

- Translation of transferrable skills
- Not prepared for the transition from military to civilian life
- Missed networking and educational opportunities

Issues Veterans face in the job market -

- Veterans have the leadership and managerial skills - but not the formal education required by the job order
- National Guard and Reserve - Possibility of another deployment
- Stigma of PTSD or TBI

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Fact: A November 2012 Gallup Poll reported that 13% of American adults are considered veterans. The majority of veterans have never been in combat situations. Of those veterans who have, "the rates of PTSD and depression range from 9% to 31%, depending on the level of functional impairment reported" per a June 2010 National Center for Biotechnology Information study. This represents slightly more than 1% of the total population of U.S. veterans.

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Fact: The Mayo Clinic's definition of PTSD does not include violent behavior. "In fact, not one single research study exists linking violent behavior with the diagnosis of PTSD," according to the April 2012 issue of The Badge of Life.

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Fact: A case study from Syracuse University's Institute for Veterans and Military Families in March 2012 argued that the skills developed through military training make veterans vital workers in a business environment. Veterans' experience working in national and global settings with diverse work forces remains unmatched by other employees. Veterans are loyal and have integrity — "soft skills" virtually every employer desires.

Accommodating Service Members and Veterans

PTSD SYMPTOMS

- Upsetting thoughts
- Frequent dreams (nightmares)
- Flashbacks/environmental stimuli
- Detaching oneself/a feeling of detachment
- Guilt for being a survivor
- Insomnia
- Mood swings
- Cognitive/memory difficulties

Lack of Concentration

- Reduce distractions
- Provide a private space
- Increase natural lighting
- Divide large assignments into small ones
- Plan for uninterrupted work time

Working with a Supervisor

- Give assignments or duties in writing
- Provide day to day guidance
- Positive reinforcement
- Clear expectations and consequences
- Develop strategies to deal with problems before a crisis

Interacting with Co-Workers

- Encourage the employee to walk away from frustrating situations or confrontations
- Allow to work from home if needed
- Provide partitions or privacy
- Provide awareness to coworkers

Other supports

- Use of a support animal
- Stress management techniques
- Allow frequent breaks
- Allow phone calls for support
- Time off for counseling
- Refer to EAP(employee assistance program) and Vet Centers
- Identify and remove triggers

Job Service North Dakota Veterans Employment Team

- [*jobsnd.com*](http://jobsnd.com)
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- Case Management
- Job Search Assistance
- Labor Market Research

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- Career and Educational Guidance
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- Referrals to Supportive Services
- Reemployment Workshops
- Translation of military skills to civilian terms



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Websites listed in Veterans Employment
Services Brochure

online.onetcenter.org/crosswalk

[careeronestop.org/military transition](https://careeronestop.org/military-transition)



Crosswalk Search

Apprenticeship

Search codes or titles from the Registered Apprenticeship Partners Information Data System (RAPIDS).

Examples: 0235, glass blower

Education

Search codes or titles from the 2010 Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP).

Examples: 50.0402, advertising

DOT

Search codes or titles from the Dictionary of Occupational Titles (DOT).

Examples: 865.131-010, tree pruner

Military

Search codes or titles from the Military Occupational Classification (MOC).

Select a branch:



Examples: 0963, radio chief



Military Crosswalk Search for: 42A

Search again:

1 code matching "42A" in Military Occupational Classification (MOC)

42A Human Resources Specialist (Army - Enlisted)

43-4161.00 [Human Resources Assistants, Except Payroll and Timekeeping](#)

The following military titles are no longer in active use:

42A Adjutant General, General (Army - Commissioned Officer only)

11-3121.00 [Human Resources Managers](#)



[Updated 2010](#)

Summary Report for: 43-4161.00 - Human Resources Assistants, Except Payroll and Timekeeping

Compile and keep personnel records. Record data for each employee, such as address, weekly earnings, absences, amount of sales or production, supervisory reports, and date of and reason for termination. May prepare reports for employment records, file employment records, or search employee files and furnish information to authorized persons.

Sample of reported job titles: Human Resources Assistant (HR Assistant), Human Resources Specialist (HR Specialist), Personnel Assistant, Administrative Assistant, Human Resources Coordinator (HR Coordinator), Human Resources Technician (HR Technician), Human Resources Associate (HR Associate), Human Resources Administrative Assistant, Human Resources Consultant (HR Consultant), Human Resources Representative (HR Representative)

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Select a State



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HUMAN RESOURCES ASSISTANTS, EXCEPT PAYROLL AND TIMEKEEPING: NORTH DAKOTA

Occupation Description

Compile and keep personnel records. Record data for each employee, such as address, weekly earnings, absences, amount of sales or production, supervisory reports, and date of and reason for termination. May prepare reports for employment records, file employment records, or search employee files and furnish information to authorized persons.

Labor Market Information

- Research wages and economic data
- Assess current trends in ND's job market
- Review the current economic climate for an industry anywhere in ND
- Analyze the labor market in areas of ND where you may want to locate your business



October 2013 Online Job Openings Report – Job Service North Dakota

- 19,420 Job Openings
- 11,954 active résumés (9517 in-state/2437 out-of-state)
 - ✓ 2723 - Office and Administrative Support
 - ✓ 1481 - Construction and Extraction
 - ✓ 1192 - Transportation and Material Moving
- Counties with over 1000 job openings:

| | |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| Burleigh County 2500 | Stark 1284 |
| Cass County 4424 | Ward 2542 |
| Grand Forks County 1847 | Williams 2097 |
- 28 counties reported more job openings than resident labor supply

October 2013 Online Job Openings Report – Job Service North Dakota

Occupations with the largest number of job openings –

1. Transportation and Material Moving – 2,567
2. Office and Administrative Support – 2,545
3. Sales and Related – 1,999
4. Food Preparation and Serving Related – 1,319
5. Construction and Extraction – 1,309

Employment Situation of Veterans

- ND unemployment rate:
 - Veterans: 2.1%
 - Non-Veterans: 2.7%
- National unemployment rate:
 - Veterans: 6.9%
 - Non-Veterans: 6.8%

Is your Organization Veteran-Friendly?

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- ✓ Does your organization have a strong Veteran recruitment and hiring program?
- ✓ Does your organization have supportive policies and practices in place for members of the National Guard and Reserve?
- ✓ Does your organization support affinity groups for Veterans?
- ✓ Does your organization provide orientation training to new Veteran employees?
- ✓ Does your organization have a mentorship program for new Veteran employees?
- ✓ Does your organization recognize employees for their military service?

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- ✓ Does your organization provide training to supervisors on Veterans' issues and available resources?
- ✓ Does your organization offer EAP services provided by professionals trained in Veterans' issues?
- ✓ Does your organization encourage employees to seek assistance for professional or personal issues?
- ✓ Does your organization give preference to Veteran-owned businesses when vendor support is needed?
- ✓ Does your organization support a military-focused philanthropic effort?

**Contact Job Service North
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**Employer resources can be
found at:**

- vetsuccess.va.gov
- americasheroesatwork.gov

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