

Transition Resource Organizations

You are coming up to a decision date when you're deciding your next "move." These might be your next military assignment or it may be the step after your retirement or separation. Those of us who have been through this appreciate the angst that you are experiencing. Your comeback might be that "angst" doesn't come close to my feelings. Again, you are not alone.

You need to understand that there are resources to help you in this "life step" to your future. The services and the Department of Labor provide a formal program that I'm sure y'all are aware of is TAP, it's transition orientation. Here at JBSA you have a very solid group of folks at the Military and Family Resource Centers that can provide you with all sorts of transition assistance.

Through these folks, you will become aware of a variety of programs such as SkillBridge and the US Chamber's Hiring Our Heroes Fellowships. Note that some of these programs are also open to spouses. They also maintain calendars of events that provide you with additional resources.

Here are some that are definite recommendations.

- Centurion Military Alliance was founded in 2013 and has flourished by providing a solid program that delves into the various aspects of transition from financial to education to networking. You develop connections with classmates that continue afterwards as you continue on the transition journey. Check out www.centurionmilitaryalliance.org for event dates.
- As mentioned above, the US Chamber of Commerce's Hiring Our Heroes program provides a variety of resources from employment fairs with seminars to the Fellowship programs for transitioning military as well as spouses. Check out www.hiringourheroes.org for event information.
- If you are in the vicinity of San Antonio, TX, there is a marvelous monthly networking event Mil City Meet Up. Transitioners meet in a casual setting to connect with employers and other resources to network. The event postings with times, dates, locations, etc are found through LinkedIn at "#milcitymeetup."
- MOAA has a variety of resources through the website at www.moaa.org as well as through LinkedIn at "MOAA Career Networking." Information as well as events are posted. The website has archives of webinars, it's links to job boards and a wealth of other information.

There are folks to help you in your transition. It's just a matter of asking for help. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions. We are here to help.

Best wishes in your transition.

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