

Transition Resources in Virtual Times

This pandemic has thrown the transition process into new realms. We are all looking for ways to connect, either for assistance, learning opportunities, networking, or jobs.

Our traditional tools of physically being present is not an option. Here are some virtual ways of making those connections.

The MOAA website has a wealth of resources.

- Transition and Career Center links to consulting and resume critique, a job board with opportunities posted and career events. There is a Virtual Tool Kit with links to a variety of webinars and virtual career fairs to get you started on the journey.
- A variety of various publications published to assist, including marketing for your career move, a transition guide, and a guard/reserve retirement checklist.
- In these surreal times, there is information on the impact of coronavirus on retirement and separation plans.
- MOAA's Job Board links you to employers who are hiring. They're posting their openings. Great opportunity to check out the options.
- If you are pursuing additional education, there are options for assistance.
- A great feature is the LinkedIn networking group. If you're not on LinkedIn, you need to be.

There are many local resources. Bexar County's Veteran Services Center is located at 1422 E. Grayson, just outside the gates of Ft Sam Houston. They are working remotely but are still here to help. Call (210) 335-6775.

This group of folks provide assistance with VA claims as well as many resources in the employment search arena. Included are weekly classes on resume writing, interviewing skills and that most valuable LinkedIn.

Alamo MOAA member David Patrick sends out a weekly blast of employment opportunities. This has links to useful websites and a list of current openings. David and I also meet one-on-one to provide counseling on the transition process.

Counseling includes one-on-one discussions regarding your transition strategic plan – your resume, networking strategies, etc. Zoom meetings have been substituted for the in-person chats until the “Stay Home” is lifted.

The JBSA Alliance keeps us updated on all local transition initiatives. This alliance of all sorts of military, nonprofits and employers collaborates on activities, events and networking all focused

on creating those transition opportunities. I represent MOAA by attending the weekly zoom meetings.

David and I are part of the team from Workforce Solutions Alamo, the local Texas Workforce Commission board, coordinating the Veterans Information Village for their annual Red, White and You Hiring Fair on the calendar for Thursday, November 5.

So, you can see there is value in a MOAA membership. Enhance your membership by volunteering with the Alamo Chapter. Networking abounds.

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