



Life After the Military: Career Options for Veterans

Three main options for life after the military:

1. Get a _____
2. Go to _____
3. Start a Small _____

Get a Job

- o You will have to decide whether you'd like to go into a _____ that's compatible with your military specialty or start down an entirely new career path.
- o One avenue worth exploring are opportunities available through a _____ company.
- o One great source of information on promising jobs and careers is the _____ —the Occupational Resource Center sponsored by the U.S. Department of Labor.
 - Website: OnetOnline.org
 - Website: MyNextMove.org
- o If you're a Canadian military veteran check out the Veterans Affairs Canada website.
 - Website: Veterans.gc.ca
- o The military skills translator from Military.com is a great tool that helps match your military experience to _____ jobs. Just enter your branch and your MLS, AFSC, or rating to search for civilian jobs.

Other Resources:

- o Job Genius Video Library
- o VA.gov (Careers and Employment section)
- o Veterans.gc.ca (Education and Job Search section)

Effective Résumé

- o Keep it short – _____ is the recommended length.
- o Avoid _____ terms.
- o Highlight soft skills – teamwork, collaboration, problem solving, and _____.
- o Revise each time.

Got to School

- o Your options could include career-tech, _____, or traditional four-year university.
- o As you're probably aware, the U.S. military offers the _____ Bill, a solid benefit to help pay for your education.
 - You're typically eligible if you serve _____ on active duty since Sept. 10, 2001.
 - Your amount of time on active duty determines the _____ of tuition reimbursement you're eligible for.
 - Website: Military.com/education/gi-bill
- o Qualified veterans of the Canadian Armed Forces can take advantage of the _____ and training benefit. To qualify you must have been:
 - _____ released from the Canadian Armed Forces
 - Meet the length of service requirements
 - Website: Veterans.gc.ca

Start a Business

- o A great place to begin researching veteran-friendly _____ opportunities is with VetFran.org.
- o Things to keep in mind if you're starting your own business.
 - Do _____ research
 - Consult with an attorney
 - Calculate _____ costs
 - Create a business plan
 - Marketing and advertising
- o The U.S. Small Business Administration's _____ program is a free, two-step entrepreneurial education and training program.
- o Website: SBAVets.Force.com

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Get a Job

- o You will have to decide whether you'd like to go into a **career** that's compatible with your military specialty or start down an entirely new career path.
- o One avenue worth exploring are opportunities available through a **staffing** company.
- o One great source of information on promising jobs and careers is the **O-Net program**—the Occupational Resource Center sponsored by the U.S. Department of Labor.
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Got to School

- o Your options could include career-tech, **community college**, or traditional four-year university.
- o As you're probably aware, the U.S. military offers the **GI Bill**, a solid benefit to help pay for your education.
 - You're typically eligible if you serve **90 days** on active duty since Sept. 10, 2001.
 - Your amount of time on active duty determines the **percentage** of tuition reimbursement you're eligible for.
 - Website: Military.com/education/gi-bill
- o Qualified veterans of the Canadian Armed Forces can take advantage of the **education** and training benefit. To qualify you must have been:
 - **Honorably** released from the Canadian Armed Forces
 - Meet the length of service requirements
 - Website: Veterans.gc.ca

Start a Business

- o A great place to begin researching veteran-friendly **franchising** opportunities is with VetFran.org.
- o Things to keep in mind if you're starting your own business.
 - Do **market** research
 - Consult with an attorney
 - Calculate **startup** costs
 - Create a business plan
 - Marketing and advertising
- o The U.S. Small Business Administration's **Boots to Business** program is a free, two-step entrepreneurial education and training program.
- o Website: SBAVets.Force.com