

Job Search Strategies for **VETERANS**

As a veteran, you possess many skills and qualities that employers are looking for. The key is to present them in a way that employers can understand and appreciate.

TOP STRATEGIES

Prepare

Take time to assess yourself and determine what you want from a civilian job.

Value Your Military Experience

Explain your military skills in civilian-friendly terms

- Identify transferable skills, such as training, communication, or inventory control
- Focus on achievements and areas of strength (review military evaluations for accomplishments to highlight on your resume)
- Look for employers that actively seek veterans (check out showmeheroes.mo.gov)

Stop by Career Services

Utilize Career Services walk-in workshops or one-on-one appointments to update your resume and cover letter for the civilian job market.

Network!

Networking is the best way to connect with employers and business professionals. Use your military connections, LinkedIn, volunteering, MSSU Career Services events, and other avenues to create connections.

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- Identify the type of work you would like to do
- Schedule an appointment at Career Services for a resume review
- Attend Career Services events
(see a full schedule at mssu.edu/career)
- Set up a LinkedIn profile and join relevant groups
- Practice your interview skills using Optimal Resume (mssu.edu/career)
- Schedule an in-person mock interview
- Apply, apply, apply - on average, 10 applications will be submitted to yield 1 interview

