5 Tips for Veteran Job Seekers

1. Use the O*Net website My Next Move for veterans sponsored by the U.S. Department of Labor to explore career options early in your transition from military to civilian life. Visit https://www.mynextmove.org/vets/ to enter the name or code of your military job and get suggestions for civilian careers that may be a good fit for you.

2. You can add military experience, training and coursework to your resume. However, make sure the examples of your experience are relevant to civilian positions and include language from job descriptions that employers understand.

3. Network! This can be a challenge for veterans who moved frequently while in the military or who are used to staying within the chain of command. Reach out to former military connections to see if they have advice for your job search, volunteer, or attend networking events in your industry of choice to create new professional relationships.

4. If you are interested in working for the federal government, you may be eligible for veteran’s preference in the hiring process. You can find more information about veteran’s preference on the USA Jobs website: http://bit.ly/USAJobsVeterans.

5. Utilize the financial resources available at a local Veteran’s Affairs Office, American Job Center, or veteran-focused non-profit to get assistance with education for a skill upgrade. The Ohlone College Tri-Cities Career Center provides veterans with funding towards skills training.

Resources
- Ohlone College Veteran Affairs Office: https://www.ohlone.edu/veterans
- Ohlone College Veteran Resource Center: https://www.ohlone.edu/veterans/veteransresourcecenter
- Shelter Inc. veterans housing and support services: https://shelterinc.org/programs/ssvf.html
- U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs: https://www.va.gov/
- Veteran job seeker resources: https://www.military.com/

If you have any questions or would like to schedule a career advising appointment, please contact Revae Hitt at rhitt1@ohlone.edu.

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