

Tips From Our Veterans:

Transitioning Your Military Experience to the Private Sector



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STRATEGIZE.

"The entire process of searching for a civilian job can be overwhelming, but if you treat it like another mission, you'll be fine. Determine your objective, break down the process into multiple steps, and execute the plan. If you're still drawing blanks and are absolutely confounded, consult job-hunting experts for assistance."

GET OFF ON THE RIGHT FOOT.

"Once you've taken your new job in corporate America, make sure you hit the ground running. Just like in the military, you only get one chance to get off to a great start."

Your first month on the job will likely set the tone for your entire career:

- Come in early and stay late.
- Ask questions and be enthusiastic.
- Volunteer for tough, demanding assignments.
- Be willing and eager to get your hands dirty.
- Solve problems rather than give reasons why things can't be done.

EXAMINE.

"In the world of social media, an unprofessional online presence can seriously curtail your job options. Whether it's maintaining a modest profile and lowering public access or simply scrubbing your accounts of compromising behavior, make sure that when employers search for you on the internet, they'll find a potential employee, not a loose cannon."

DO NOT BE MODEST.

"Don't assume that the interviewer makes the connection between your military experience and how that has prepared you for the job in question. Show them examples from your work experience that correlate into exactly the experience for which they are looking. Tell the interviewer that you can do the job!"

MOBILIZE.

"The military provides a huge advantage for veteran job seekers: help with relocation. Often, employers will disfavor candidates because they live too far away – it might not be worth assisting with your relocation fees if you're coming in from halfway across the country. If you haven't moved yet, keep this information in mind when being interviewed, it may be a useful bargaining chip."

