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CONNECTING MARINES WITH OPPORTUNITIES

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BUILDING CONNECTIONS FOR SUCCESS: THE POWER OF MARINE FOR LIFE REPS IN YOUR TRANSITION

Marine For Life representatives (M4L Reps) are dedicated to supporting transitioning Marines, veterans, and their families by connecting them to a strong network of military-friendly resources and opportunities.

With Marine Individually Mobilization Augmentee (IMA) Reservists strategically located across the country, M4L Reps offer expert guidance and support to help you navigate the shift from military to civilian life. Whether you're seeking career opportunities, educational resources, or community connections, M4L Reps are here to support your success every step of the way.

WHY CONNECT WITH A M4L REP?

1. **Personalized Networking Support** – Our M4L Reps offer one-on-one guidance to help you expand your professional network. By connecting you with local employers, veteran services, and community resources, they provide you with the right tools and relationships to succeed in your new venture.
2. **Build Local Networks for Career Success** – Each M4L Rep builds and maintains a network of Marine-friendly employers, veteran services, and resources within 100-150 miles of their location. These localized networks are designed to connect you to the best opportunities in your area, increasing your chances for a smooth and successful transition.
3. **Monthly Networking Events** – M4L Reps host monthly networking events where Marines, veterans, and local community members can connect, share experiences, and explore career opportunities. These events offer a valuable space to meet potential employers, learn from industry professionals, and create lasting connections with others in the community.
4. **Building a Network for Success** – The M4LN isn't just about finding a job; it's about creating relationships that will support you in your career and beyond. By connecting you with the right people and resources, M4LN ensures you have access to the tools, knowledge, and connections needed to thrive in civilian life.

RESOURCES OF THE QUARTER

THE MISSION CONTINUES

The Mission Continues connects veterans with under-resourced communities to provide volunteer and leadership support. Service platoons deploy veterans to collaborate with nonprofits, addressing issues like education, food insecurity, and community development. Led by veteran platoon leaders, these teams make a direct impact, supporting local initiatives.

VA 1-ON-1: VETERAN ASSISTANCE EXPO

VA 1-on-1: Veteran Assistance Expo events connect service members, veterans, families, caregivers, and survivors to the health care and benefits they've earned. These events bring together representatives from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), state agencies, and community partners—both virtually and in person—to offer personalized assistance. Participants can access support from the Veterans Health Administration, Veterans Benefits Administration, National Cemetery Administration, and more, covering VA benefits, health care, crisis support, memorial affairs, community services, and peer-to-peer connections.

MERGING VETS AND PLAYERS (MVP)

MVP empowers veterans and professional athletes to thrive after they hang up their uniforms through fitness, health, and wellness programs. By staying connected through wellness events, communication, and trusted resources, MVP members experience a strong ecosystem of support.

MILITARY SPOUSE PATHWAY TO BUSINESS

The Pathway to Business course introduces military spouses to the key elements of entrepreneurship for FREE. The course also provides access to resources for startup capital, technical assistance, and contracting opportunities. To sign up for in-person or virtual classes, contact your local Veterans Business Outreach Center or Small Business Administration (SBA) District Office. If the timing doesn't work, explore other options like Boots to Business or Boots to Business Reboot. Military spouses are encouraged to attend.



SPOUSE TRANSITION AND READINESS SEMINAR (STARS)

STARS offers Marine Corps spouses a comprehensive overview of the resources and strategies needed for a smooth transition from military to civilian life. This hands-on course covers topics such as the Marine's transition process, stress management, resiliency, career and education strategies, financial management, and health benefits. It's an essential resource for anyone approaching the end of active service with the Marine Corps. Contact your local Family Member Employment Assistance Program (FMEAP) office for course dates and start your journey with STARS to ease your family's transition.

Except for the Spouse Transition and Readiness Seminar (STARS), these resources are provided for informational purposes only.

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UPCOMING VETERANS JOB FAIRS

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
04-03-25	<u>Chicago Veterans Job Fair</u>	Chicago, IL	1100-1300 CT
04-03-25	<u>Charlotte Veterans Job Fair</u>	Charlotte, NC	1100-1300 ET
04-03-25	<u>Dallas Veterans Job Fair</u>	Dallas, TX	1100-1300 CT
04-08-25	<u>National Government Agency Virtual Career Fair</u>	Online	1100-1300 CT
04-10-25	<u>Kansas City Veterans Job Fair</u>	Kansas City, MO	1100-1300 CT
04-17-25	<u>Greater Denver Area Veterans Job Fair</u>	Aurora, CO	1100-1300 MT
04-17-25	<u>Boston Veterans Job Fair</u>	Foxborough, MA	1100-1300 ET
04-29-25	<u>Central Region Virtual Career Fair for Veterans</u>	Online	1100-1300 CT
05-01-25	<u>Baltimore Veterans Job Fair</u>	Baltimore, MD	1100-1300 ET
05-06-25	<u>Military Spouse Virtual Career Fair</u>	Online	1100-1300 ET
05-08-25	<u>Job Fair at Twentynine Palms</u>	Twentynine Palms, CA	1100-1300 CT
05-15-25	<u>New Orleans Veteran Job Fair</u>	New Orleans, LA	1100-1300 CT
05-20-25	<u>National Virtual Career Fair for Veterans</u>	Online	1100-1300 CT
05-29-25	<u>Phoenix Veterans Job Fair</u>	Glendale, AZ	1100-1300 - Arizona
06-04-25	<u>Job Fair at Schofield Barracks</u>	Schofield Barracks, HI	1100-1500 - Hawaii
06-05-25	<u>Atlanta Veterans Job Fair</u>	Atlanta, GA	1100-1500 ET
06-12-25	<u>Houston Veterans Job Fair</u>	Houston, TX	1100-1500 CT
06-17-25	<u>Eastern Regional Virtual Career Fair for Veterans</u>	Online	1100-1500 ET

For more information and to register, please visit RecruitMilitary at success.recruitmilitary.com/events/schedule.

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MAXIMIZING YOUR VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE ON YOUR RESUME AND LINKEDIN PROFILE

Volunteering is a powerful way to give back to your community while also building a wealth of skills that can elevate your professional profile. As a job seeker looking to expand your career opportunities, volunteer work offers valuable experiences that can make you stand out in a competitive job market. By showcasing your volunteer experience on your resume and LinkedIn profile, you can demonstrate your leadership, commitment, and ability to make an impact.



Here are some tips to help you maximize the value of your volunteer work:

Treat Volunteer Work Like Paid Experience: List your volunteer roles under a dedicated section on your resume. Use the same format you would for paid positions, including job title, organization name, and dates. Focus on the skills and responsibilities that are most relevant to the roles you are seeking. For example, if you volunteered in leadership positions or coordinated events, highlight those skills on your resume.

Quantify Your Impact: Whenever possible, use numbers to quantify your accomplishments. For example, “Led a team of 10 volunteers to organize a community clean-up event attended by 200+ participants.” This approach shows potential employers the tangible results of your volunteer work.

Leverage LinkedIn to Showcase your impact: On LinkedIn, add your volunteer experience to the Volunteer Experience section where you can also include recommendations or endorsements from others in the organization. This not only highlights your commitment to service but also connects you with a wider network of like-minded professionals.

Highlight Transferable Skills: Volunteer work often provides opportunities to develop transferable skills such as leadership, project management, communication, and teamwork. These skills are valued across many industries. Be sure to emphasize these qualities in both your resume and LinkedIn profile.

By leveraging your volunteer work, you can showcase your dedication to personal growth and community impact, making your profile more compelling to recruiters and employers.

Looking for volunteer opportunities? Explore a variety of military-friendly volunteer organizations through the Marine For Life Network. Get involved today to strengthen your professional profile while giving back to those in need.

ABOUT THE NEWSLETTER

The United States Marine Corps' Marine and Family Programs Division publishes Warriors Connected.

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Follow the M4LN on social media to stay updated on our latest events, resources, and inspiring stories from fellow Marines, Veterans, and military families. Join our community and be part of our journey!

We love hearing from you! Engage with us by liking, sharing, and commenting on our posts.

Have questions or need assistance? Reach out to us at M4Lops@usmc.mil. We're here to help!