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## Veterans Working Group Meeting

Thursday, August 8, 2013

## Meeting Overview

#### Welcome and Review of Agenda

David Hiller, President and CEO, Robert R. McCormick Foundation

#### **Lightning Round**

#### **Member Presentations**

Finding Veterans
Military-to-Civilian Skills Translation
Establishing Peer Support/Advisory Groups

#### **Discussion of Working Group Goals and Action Plan**

Amy Sherman, Associate VP for Policy and Strategic Alliances, Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL)

#### **Open Mic Time**

Kirsten Carroll, Vice President, Policy, Civic Committee

#### **Next Steps and Future Meetings**

David Hiller, President and CEO, Robert R. McCormick Foundation

## MEMBER PRESENTATIONS

## FINDING VETERANS

Rupali Deshmukh, Accenture

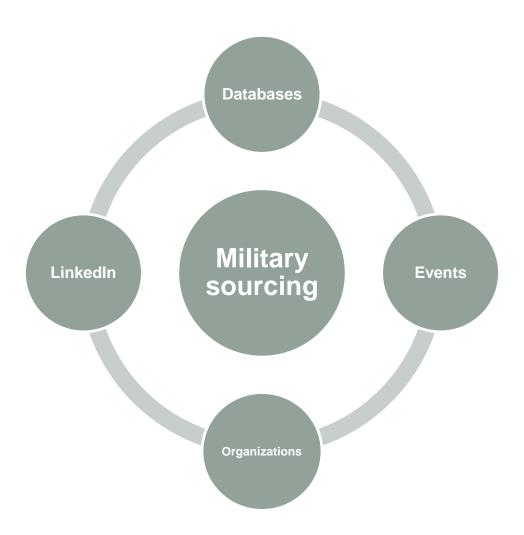


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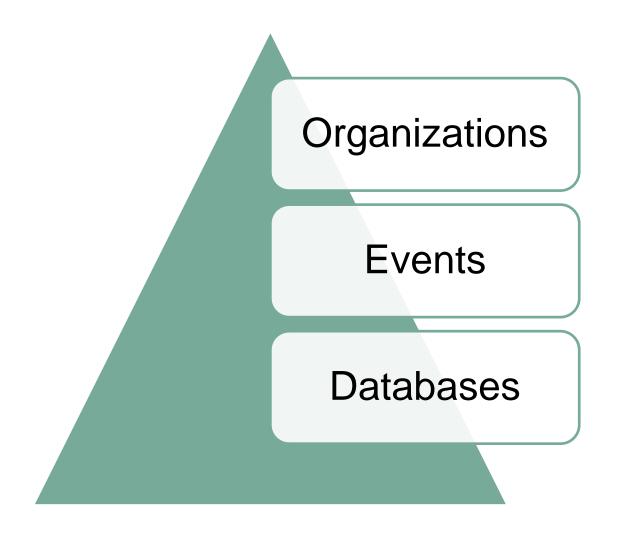
Military candidate sourcing avenues

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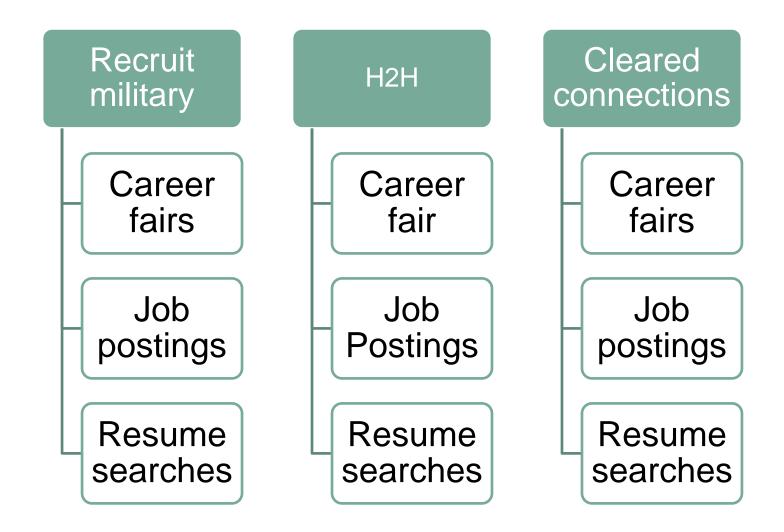
## 4 Major Sourcing Categories



#### Interconnected functionalities



#### Interconnected functionalities (cont.)



### Databases/Events

#### Paid databases

http://recruitmilitary.com/

http://www.military.com/veteran-jobs

<u>http://mbaveterans.com/2013-conference</u> (Limited time resume access)

http://sacc-jobfair.com/

http://www.clearedconnections.com/Default.htm

#### Free of cost

<u>https://illinoisjoblink.illinois.gov/ada/</u> (Civilian and military candidates )

https://h2h.jobs/

#### **Events**

#### Countrywide

- Hero 2 Hired (Free)
- Hiring our heroes (Free)
- 100,000 hiring (Free)
- Recruitmilitary

## Localized (1-4 locations)

- MBA Veterans Conference (Chicago only)
- SACC
- Military-Mojo

## Military friendly organizations

## Government organizations

- Chamber of commerce
- State IDES, VA

#### Private

- Wounded warrior
- 100,000 hiringvtx.jobs
- Lonestar veterans association

#### Alumni

- Marine 4 Life
- Navy alumni association
- Student veterans of America (SVA)

## LinkedIn

#### Why special mention for LinkedIn?

#### Not the strongest military candidate sourcing tool.

- Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) Career Networking
- Veterans Hired
- US Military Veterans Network
- USAF Veterans
- Semper Fi Network United States Marine Veterans USMC

## **Questions?**

## Additional examples



- Warrior Integration Program for Wounded Warriors
- http://toolkit.vets.syr.edu/wpcontent/uploads/2012/12/Case-BAE-Systems.pdf



- Military Human Resources (MHR) group
- 100,000 Jobs Mission
- http://careers.jpmorgan.com/student/jpmorgan/careers/military

## Things to consider

- Hire veterans as recruiters
- Leverage veteran referral opportunities
- Attend Chamber events
- Encourage leadership involvement
- Leverage collaboration and networking with other firms

# MILITARY-TO-CIVILIAN SKILLS TRANSLATION

Bruce Watts, IIT
Tony Stamper, AT&T

## Skills Translation at Multiple Levels

- Functional skills
- Roles/job titles
- Intangibles

AT&T Military Veteran Talent
Attraction Resources and
Programs

October 2013



#### **Military**

- AT&T is an Employer of Choice for Veterans
- 5,000 Veteran Hire Commitment
- Promoting AT&T's Jobs to Veterans
- Online Career Tools for Veterans
- 100,000 Jobs Mission & Veterans Talent Exchange
- Recognition
- Learn More



#### AT&T as a Military Friendly Employer

- 100 years of support for our military
- Careers Presence at the US Olympics Warrior Games
- Placed jobs flyers at military base calling centers
- Causes.com campaign to benefit Wounded Warrior Project
- AT&T 'Love a Vet' YouTube campaign
- First-ever AT&T Veteran Hackathon



AT&T Careers poster in the AT&T calling facility at Camp Leatherneck in Afghanistan



#### AT&T Veterans Employee Resource Group

- AT&T Veterans
- 30 years of serving those who serve our Country
- Supported by AT&T executive leadership
- Over 7,000 members nationwide
  - ~75% of members are Veterans themselves
- Emphasis on volunteerism
  - 95 members awarded President's Volunteer Service Award in 2012
- Volunteer projects focus on the Military and Veteran communities
- Members serve as recruitment ambassadors to translate military experience for our civilian recruiters and represent at veteran career fairs nationwide.



#### **AT&T Supplier Diversity**





#### Focus on Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Businesses

- Goal: 1.5% of supplier spend in 2013
- Annual execution of Operation Hand Salute
  - 15 Week Entrepreneurial Leadership Program at JFK University
  - Aimed at training our suppliers on how to successfully grow their businesses
  - Coaching and Mentoring from AT&T Business Leaders and Fast Pitch/Shark Tank sessions from AT&T leadership and other CEOs





#### AT&T Veteran Hire Commitment



#### 5,000 Veterans in 5 years

On April 30, 2013, in response to a challenge from the First Lady, AT&T made a public commitment to hire 5,000 veterans and military spouses over the next 5 years.

"For many veterans, finding and succeeding in a new career provides a challenge unlike any faced while serving our country."



ANTONIO MONTENEGRO Senior Specialist – Network Planning Engineer



#### Promoting AT&T's Career Opportunities to Veterans

#### Advertising

- Online advertising on dozens of veteran career sites
- Print Advertising
- Organic media and PR coverage

#### Networking

- Veterans Service Organizations
- Government veteran agencies
- Careers for Veterans JobSearch Advisor program
- Social Media

#### **Events**

- Traditional and Virtual Veteran Career Fairs
- Specialized hiring events for student veterans and JMOs
- EmployerConferences



#### **AT&T Military Career Site**

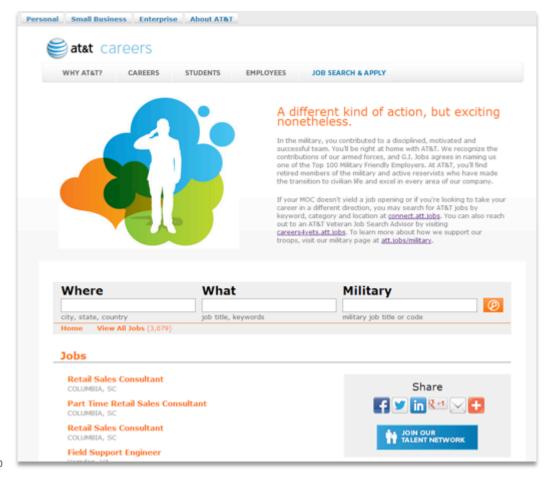
#### www.att.jobs/military



- Demonstrates commitment to employing veterans
- Link to military skills translator
- Testimonials from AT&T veteran employees
- Link to Careers for Veterans Talent Network and Job Search Advisor Program

#### Military Skills Translator

Veterans can search for AT&T job opportunities using their military occupational job codes

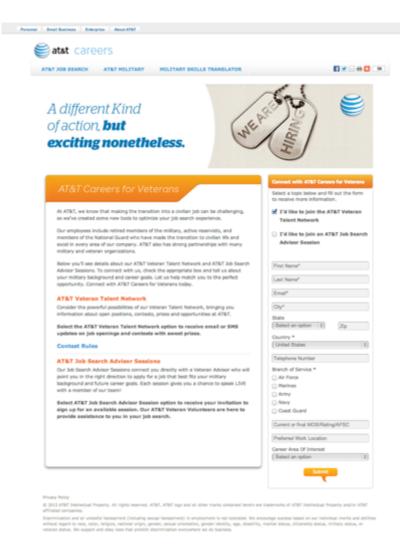


www.att.jobs/MOS



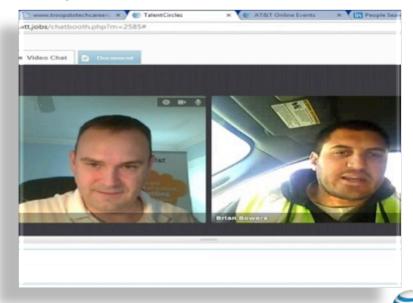
#### Careers for Veterans Job Search Advisor Program

http://veterans.att.jobs



Almost 3,000 transitioning veteran job seekers participated in the program in 2013 (8,000 total since 2011)

200 AT&T Veterans served as job search advisors



#### 100,000 Jobs Mission

- AT&T one of 11 founding members
  - Coalition has grown to 109 employers
- Goal to hire 100,000 veterans by 2020
  - As of June, collectively hired 77,000+ veterans
- AT&T leads best practice sharing
- We sponsor technology to power candidate registration at events
- Leading the Veteran Talent
   Exchange, a shared database for coalition members to refer veteran candidates. Check it out at <a href="https://www.vtx.jobs">www.vtx.jobs</a>

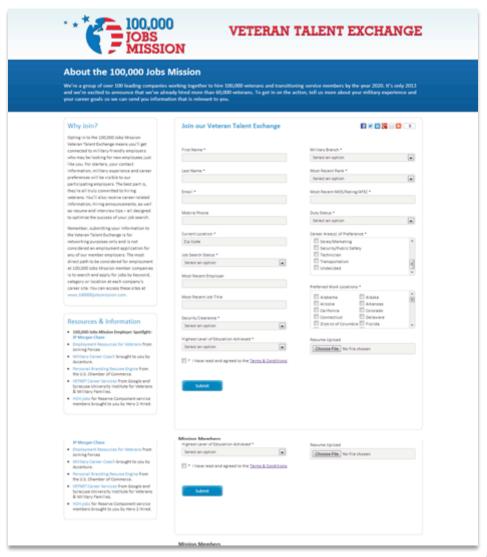






#### 100,000 Jobs Mission Veteran Talent Exchange

- Talent sharing database for 100,000 Jobs Mission Member Employers
- Announced in AT&T press release and FLOTUS remarks on 4/30.
- Soft launched on 6/30. Featured in JPMC press release on 7/24.





#### Recognition

- Increased visibility within the veteran job seeker community
- Exponential increase in veteran applicants and hires
- We are sought out by other employers and the media to share best practices
- Consistently ranked as Military Friendly Employer by GI Jobs and Military Times













## Learn More

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- AT&T Military Skills Translator: www.att.jobs/MOS
- AT&T Careers for Veterans <a href="http://veterans.att.jobs">http://veterans.att.jobs</a>
- AT&T Troop Support Page <u>http://www.att.com/gen/press-room?pid=7930</u>
- AT&T Military Sustainability Brief
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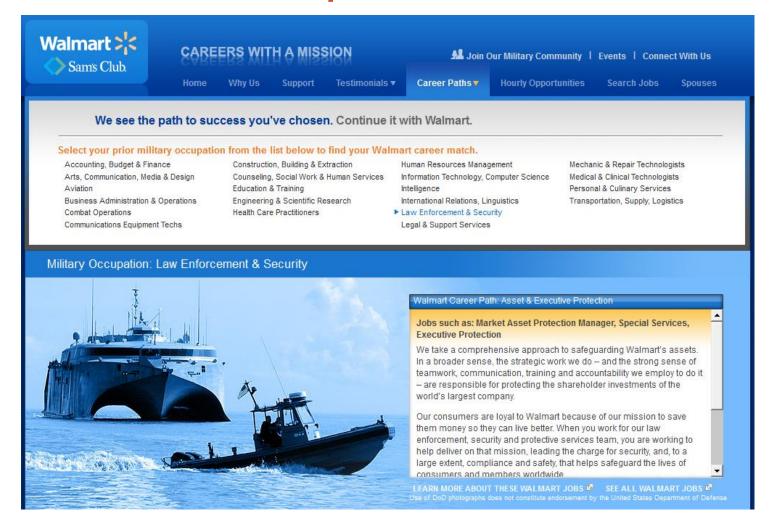




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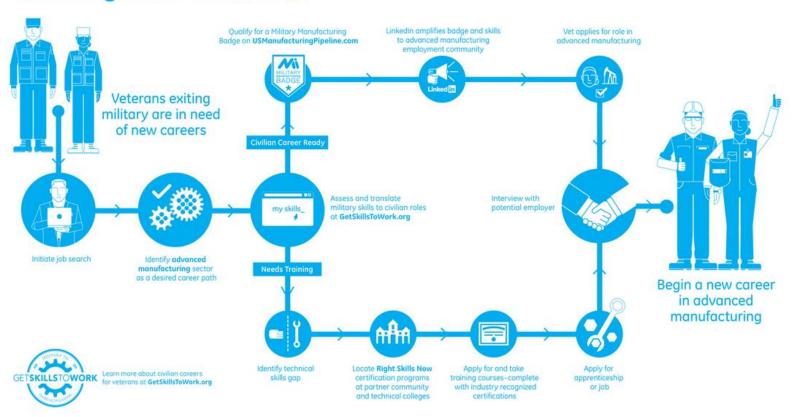
## Additional example: Walmart



http://walmartcareerswithamission.com

## Additional example: General Electric

#### Bridging the Advanced Manufacturing Skills Gap Starting with Veterans



http://www.ge.com/careers/culture/us-veterans

## Things to consider

- Utilize online skills translators to understand skills associated with specific military occupations
  - http://www.careerinfonet.org/MOC//
- Ask veterans to (voluntarily) submit the official narrative that accompanies their military awards and decorations
- Invest in encouraging individuals throughout the organization to learn more about veterans' skills
- Expose veterans to a broad array of business functions and work roles

Source: Institute for Veterans and Military Service, Syracuse University, "Guide to Leading Policies, Practices, and Resources: Supporting the Employment of Veterans and Military Families." Accessed July 30, 2013. <a href="http://vets.syr.edu/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/guidetoleadingpractices1.pdf">http://vets.syr.edu/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/guidetoleadingpractices1.pdf</a>

# ESTABLISHING PEER SUPPORT/ADVISORY GROUPS

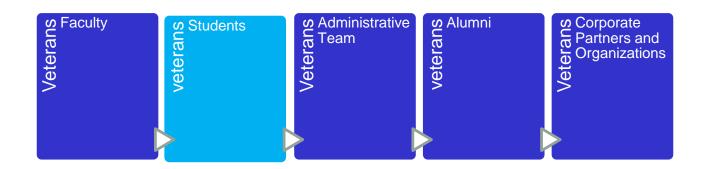
Gretchen Nester, Kellogg School of Management

# KELLOGG SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT (KSM)

Building a community of veterans within KSM

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## KSM: Potential Veteran Populations



 KSM identified five possible populations with a focus of engaging veterans

## KSM Initial Community Building

Neterans

- Initial Focus: leverage the work in regards to community building that our student-run Kellogg Veterans Association (KVA) had already completed.
- Leverage Established Contacts & Processes:
  - Admissions process insights, points of contacts by branch, "sofas for soldiers"
  - Acceptance and beyond financial aid, scholarship, academic rigor
  - Internships blogs
  - Moving into the civilian workforce building the alumni network

## KSM: Expanded Community Building



- Host Veteran's Day Event to identify key stakeholders in our other populations:
  - Faculty, Administrative Team, Alumni, Corporate Partners and Organizations
  - Identify common interests and concerns within the entire Kellogg School of Management

## Questions



## Additional examples



- Honoring Our Nation's finest with Opportunity and Respect (HONOR)
- http://www.sodexohiresheroes.com/



- Ernst and Young Veterans Network
- http://www.ey.com/US/en/Newsroom/News-releases/Ernst---Young-LLP-joins-100-000-Jobs-Mission-and-expandsother-initiatives-to-support-veterans

## Things to consider

- Create a veterans mentorship program
- Name an executive-level champion for a veterans advisory group
- Leverage existing internal resources, such as diversity and inclusiveness initiatives