

Richmond Chapter MOAA Transition Office

Transition from Military to Civilian Careers

The Richmond Chapter of the **Military Officers Association of America** wants to share with you several recent job opportunities and websites that can be very helping in helping veterans coming or returning to Virginia with their transition to a civilian career and workplace.

Employment Resources Website and Network for the Commonwealth of Virginia

- **Website:** The Richmond MOAA Chapter has a website that provides information on **job listings** in Virginia by our **MOAA Networkers** and MOAA Leaders, links to employment search and listing services, **information** about preparing oneself for employment, information, links to other employment assistance websites, links to **Government** agencies (Fed, State, County), and other non-governmental employment assistance websites.
 - **MOAA National HQ** - The **Military Officers Association of America** provides a wealth of information, services, and resources for job seeking. Whether you are making the transition from the military to a civilian career or changing from one career field to another. The MOAA Career Center web page has links for job seekers, employers, upcoming career events and job fairs, advice articles, a jobs database and much more. Some items are accessible to MOAA Members only. www.moaa.org/career.
 - **State Approving Agency** – provides a list of over 1300 employees in the Commonwealth of Virginia, ranging from institutions of higher education learning facilities to attend the institutions, to your certification programs for eligible military members and their family members. Employers all the way down to your technical training facilities (e.g., cosmetology school) to four year degree program are listed on this web site for those that want to use their GI bill, they earned while on active duty. There are four categories: Institution of Higher Learning (IHL), Non College Certification Programs, On The Job training programs and Licensed Certification on this web site. Eligibility for most federal and state benefits is based on discharge from active military service under other than dishonorable conditions. Active service means full-time service as a member of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, or as a commissioned officer of the public health service, the Environmental Services Administration, or the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Current and former members of the Selected Reserve may be eligible for

certain benefits, such as home loan guarantees and education, if they meet time-in-service and other criteria. Men and women veterans with similar service are entitled to the same federal and state veterans benefits. The eligibility policy is set by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. To determine potential eligibility for such benefits The Virginia Department of Veterans Services advocates for Virginia veterans and connects them to benefits and services they have earned. Information on current federal, state and local veterans' programs, entitlements and referral services is available in Virginia through a network of 23 benefit service offices. All services are provided free of charge. To learn more about these benefits, go to www.dvs.virginia.gov/education-employment/state-approving-agency/ for a complete listing of approved facilities and schools offering these benefits

A current list of approved GI Bill Approved Facilities List

- [Approved Facilities- As of 9/17/2014](#)

School Certifying Official Resources

- [Veterans Education and Training Technical Handbook 2014](#)

Application for Facility Approval

- [Application to Provide Training \(IHL/NCD\)](#)
- [Application to Provide Training \(OJT/APP\)](#)
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To request approval for License and Certification Test please contact Ms. Trinika Lewis-Wilson at 804-225-2720 or email at trinika.lewis-wilson@dvs.virginia.gov

School Certifying Officials Training

- [Approval Issues](#)
- [Certification Issues & School Certifying Officials Tasks](#)
- [School Certifying Official Questions And Escalated Issues](#)
- [Policy Advisories and Updates](#)
- [Virginia Transition Assistance Program – Education Pathway](#)
- **The Virginia Values Veteran Program** - is the most user friendly program for military members and their family members seeking employment in the state of Virginia . These employees are certified by the State of Virginia and have made a commitment to hire veterans that apply for jobs in their area of expertise with these companies. To learn more about these job opportunities go to www.dvsV3.com.

- **Networking Opportunities** – Throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia, there are networking opportunities via job fairs or companies searching for specific skill sets. Attached for your perusal is a listing of Career Job Fairs and Open Houses scheduled throughout the year. This PDF file will be updated periodically, but bear in mind, **a word of caution: check with both the sponsor and the hosting facility before leaving home.** Pre-registration or early registration can often make for easier access. **Many Career Fair providers now require that you pre-register and do not accept resumes onsite. Some require early registration if not holding Military ID.** When attending Career Fairs be sure to bring more resumes than you plan to distribute. When attending an Open House be sure to bring a half-dozen copies of your resume. Also, note the resources listed at the end of this career fair listing. These resources are categorized by type of search. *Please feel free to forward this listing to others you feel can benefit from the information and ability to plan ahead.*
- Click on the following to view a listing of Career Fairs and Open Houses:



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- **Bon Secours** – A military jobs transcoder was created to make it easier for veterans to find jobs using their military job code, matching them with the optimal civilian job search experience. By simply entering a military job code or title Transcoder will present you with a list of relevant job openings. Military veterans possess the skills and discipline needed in other specialties as well. To find other jobs available go to careers.bonsecours.com/search-for-a-job-employee.html.
- Other resources that available throughout the state of Virginia are listed below.

Related Employment Links

- [US Department of Education – Accreditation System](#)
- [America's Job Bank](#)
- [Center for Apprentices Training](#)
- [Army Vocational/Technical Soldier Program \(AVOTEC\)](#)
- [Federal Job Listings](#)
- [GI Bill Feedback System](#)
- [Helmets To Hardhats](#)
- [Military Spouse Career Advancement Accounts \(MyCAA\)](#)
- [National Association of State Approving Agencies](#)
- [National Association of Veteran Program Administrators](#)
- [Nationally Recognized Accrediting Agencies Listing](#)
- [State Council on Higher Education of Virginia \(SCHEV\)](#)
- [Troops to Teachers](#)
- [U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Service](#)

- [U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs](#)
- [Virginia Army Reserve](#)
- [U.S. Department of Education](#)
- [VA ONCE](#)
- [Veterans Retraining Assistance Program](#)
- [Veterans, Students and Professors](#)
- [Virginia National Guard](#)
- [Virginia Department of Human Resources](#)

Scholarship Information

- [Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation](#)
- [Marine Corps Fallen Patriots Scholarship](#)
- [Thanks USA](#)
- [The Scholarships for Military Children](#)
- [The Joanne Holbrook Patton Military Spouse Scholarships](#)
- [Heroes' Legacy Scholarships](#)
- [Tillman Military Scholars](#)
- [Army Emergency Relief Scholarship](#)
- [The Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship \(Fry Scholarship\)](#)
- [Folds of Honor Foundation Scholarship](#)
- [Federal Student Aid](#)

Veterans to BSN in Nursing at Shenandoah University

- <http://www.nursing.su.edu/nursing-3/bachelor-of-science-in-nursing/v-bsn/>

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