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Presentation



AGENDA

- ⦿ Veteran Unemployment
- ⦿ AUSA
- ⦿ Military Transition



Veteran Unemployment

- ⦿ Veteran Unemployment for Post 9/11 Veterans as of March 2014 is 9.2.
- ⦿ National Unemployment Rate overall is: 6.3 National unemployment seems to remain stable at 6.3percent. However, significant lower than our veteran unemployment rate.



THE ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY

Goals, Organization and Activities



- AUSA's official mission is to represent every American Soldier by:
- being the voice for all components of America's Army;
- fostering public support of the Army's role in national security; and
- providing professional education and information programs.

AUSA By Laws

- Advance the security of the United States;
- Support land Power as an indispensable instrument of national security;
- Assure a fulfilling career for the people who serve in the Total Army and the families who serve with them;
- Maintain support from America's industry for the Army;
- Provide the American people with important information relating to national security;
- Develop professional programs and educational materials that advance members' professional knowledge and achievements; and
- Provide forums for the examination of defense issues.

Priority objectives into the 21st century focus on:

- People support for the Soldiers and their families, and for civilian employees and retirees
- Force modernization for a ready Army, to include equipping the Army with the best weapons in the world;
- Education the public about the Army; and
- Promoting professionalism within the Army.





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Cont.



Field Organization (Regions and Chapters)

- Develop programs that support local commanders, Soldiers, civilians and family members—particularly during deployment and mobilization;
- Establish and maintain cooperative relations with local Chambers of Commerce and defense-oriented associations, so that they can collectively educate individuals of influence in the community;
- Originate and participate in community functions that support the Army, to include sponsorship of educational and professional forums;
- Recognize individuals for military achievements and outstanding service to the Army and to the nation;
- Establish and maintain effective relations with local news media so that the Army's story is heard in the community;
- Support ROTC programs in high schools, colleges and universities;
- Support Army recruiters for all components of America's Army;
- Establish and maintain liaisons with elected officials on matters of importance to the Army.



Military Transition



- Finances - Pay off outstanding debt, create Savings (6 month cushion)
- Education - Achieve at least an Associates degree, work towards certifications, undergrad and graduate degrees (enhances marketability)
- Housing/Relocation - Determine housing requirements and desires, within a location which fits your needs
- Health/Dental care - Review options, cost and desired level of care IAW your situation
- Insurance - Review options, cost and desired level - ensure a decision is quickly determined w/VSGLI
- VA - Begin the disability review process as early as possible, ensure medical records are updated prior to initiating the process



Military Transition cont.



- Take at least a 30 day break - Mental and physical break
- Establish resume at 10 year career mark - Modify document as accomplishments and educational achievements are met
- Army currently pays more than \$500M per year on unemployment insurance
- Emphasize the importance of the transition program - Physically attend all transition training as soon as possible, obtaining knowledge of options and potential opportunities for advancement within the public and private sector
- Separate transition course for senior NCO and officers at the executive leadership level - Provide access to knowledge based training and education for managerial positions within the public and private sector



Military Transition cont.



- Employment and career goals (2 yrs prep - 1 yr resume - understand offer letter) friends, know your value - identify proper attire - job interviews should be viewed as Army boards (keep question direct and to the point)
- Establish timeline - Prior to retirement/separation develop checklist, ensuring all objectives are met
- Networking - Retain contacts for potential job opportunities
- Establish your value - Do your homework, evaluate your skills, education and training. Do not overestimate or under estimate yourself
- Family process - The most valuable team, ensure all member's voices are considered
- Save leave - Will provide a significant financial cushion prior to the separation/retirement date



- ◎ An investment in knowledge pays the best interests

Benjamin Franklin

Questions