

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF VETERAN-SERVING ORGANIZATIONS

# Helping Companies Recruit and Engage Veteran Talent



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# Smart Practices in Veteran Employee Retention



Presented by NAVSO in partnership with CEB Global to support companies and providers focused on retaining veteran talent



# Today's Schedule

- Overview and Introductions
- Panel Remarks and Insights
- Summary and Q&A





# Overview

During this webinar, you'll hear from some of the nation's leading experts on veteran employee engagement helping you move your efforts from merely "veteran-friendly" to "veteran-ready." Insights will include topic areas such as educating employees on veteran experience and breaking through stereotypes, how to develop and leverage strong veteran employee resource groups within your company, ways to identify and partner with nonprofit service providers that develop supply-side veteran talent, and much more. Let's begin....



# Facilitator: Chris Ford

Chris Ford is the Founder and CEO of the National Association of Veteran-Serving Organizations (NAVSO). In this role, Chris is responsible for the strategic direction and day-to-day management of the organization. NAVSO provides essential resources to those who serve veterans and military families, fund efforts aimed at helping them or work to employ them so they are more effective in meeting their needs. He is a 20-year Air Force veteran retiring in



2014 from the Joint Chiefs of Staff where he served in the Chairman's Office of Warrior and Family Support. In this role, Chris leveraged his perspectives on veteran reintegration to assist communities across 18 states seeking to improve their support for military families. He previously served in nearly a dozen countries around the globe supporting Operations Southern Watch, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. Chris was awarded the Bronze Star Medal and is a graduate of the United States Air Force Academy, University of South Carolina, Naval Postgraduate School and the FBI National Academy.

# Panelist: Kevin Whirity

Kevin is a Manager in Deloitte's Internal Services Practice and has over seven years of experience with Deloitte. He has assisted clients both internally and externally and has led numerous projects to address strategic objectives in operations, real estate and Talent Acquisition. Currently, he is leading efforts within the firm's National Military and Veteran Recruiting strategy. Prior to Deloitte, Kevin served 6 years active duty with the U.S. Navy as a Human Resources officer.



He completed his undergraduate studies at the United States Naval Academy and continued his education at Loyola University Chicago in obtaining an MBA, as well as, a Master of Science in Real Estate at the University of Florida.



# Panelist: Chris Davison

Chris Davison is the Veteran Recruiting and Warrior Integration Program Manager for BAE Systems, Inc. Through his management of Camo to Corporate, the overarching program for veteran hiring, he is dedicated to the recruitment of active-duty, reserve, and veteran service members from all branches throughout the U.S. and abroad. He develops and coordinates our military recruitment outreach strategy, plans



and executes localized talent delivery solutions, and maintains and exercises BAE partnerships with state and federal veteran employment organizations. Chris was elected President of the Veteran's Support Network, BAE Systems' veteran affinity group, in 2015 after serving as its Vice President of Membership from August 2014 to January 2015. Prior to joining the company, Chris served in the U.S. Navy as a Human Resources and Finance Specialist at commands in Maryland and Washington, D.C. He held roles in career counseling, IG audit, training and served on President Clinton's detail in 1996 as a motorcade driver.

# Panelist: Sean Passmore

Sean serves as the Military Hiring Advisor for USAA leading the corporate effort in recruiting and hiring veterans and military spouses. He works strategically with internal and external partners to develop and deploy military hiring efforts and represents USAA nationwide at military-focused events. A prior enlisted soldier, Non-Commissioned Officer, and graduate of Officer Candidate School (OCS), Sean served 22+ years in the Army before retiring in June 2014 as a senior



Presidential Communications Officer in the White House Communications Agency where he provided direct and personal support to the President of the United States and led teams supporting Presidential events around the world. Sean earned his Master of Science degree in Project Management from The George Washington University and is a certified Project Management Professional (PMP).



# **Deloitte.**

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Integration and Retention

assimilating and enabling veteran success

# **Deloitte On-Boarding Programs**

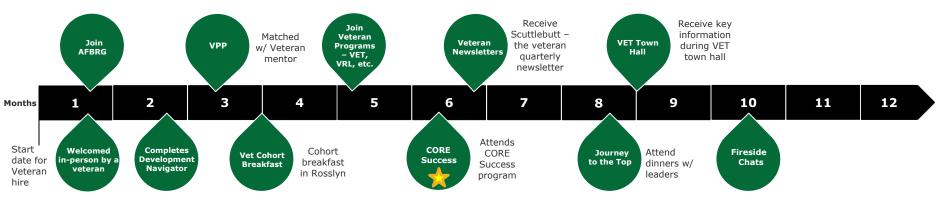
# Transitioning veterans to the professional workforce

Formalized program tracking a veteran new hire's 12-month journey focusing on two key factors:

**TRAINING:** Identify skills that veterans might not obtain in the military and implement programs to support

**CONNECTEDNESS:** Equip new veterans with an instantaneous network to assist in navigating the transition into the civilian sector

#### **On-Boarding and Retention Program Timeline**



Note: CORE Success would be a learning tool for functions to incorporate into their overall veteran retention strategy, with FSS-specific events/programs to supplement

# **Deloitte Integration Programs**

# Supporting veterans post-hire



Career Opportunity Redefinition and Exploration
Success Program Overview Success Program Overview

# Program at a glance

**Overview:** The CORE Success Program addresses the needs of veterans once they have started a new career, including those employed by Deloitte. The development process involved the AFBRG, Functional Talent and Development teams, veteran initiative champions, interviews with veterans employed in a variety of careers, and veterans employed by Deloitte



**Compact:** A 1-day, highly-flexible agenda meant to accommodate diverse environments and schedules.



Scalable: Multiple workshops can be run concurrently to maximize the number of participants.



**Mobile:** Provides an out of the box solution that can be easily conducted in a classroom setting anvwhere.

Outcomes: Leveraging Deloitte's award-winning leadership curriculum, CORE Success is a highly interactive workshop tailored to help veterans in their post-hire transition

# **Program details**

**Learner Profile:** Veterans or Reservists, from all functions, levels, and roles within Deloitte US, who joined Deloitte within the last 6 months

#### Timeline:

- Summer 2016 Piloted
- Fall 2016 Incorporating into Deloitte Development plan
- Spring 2017 Available as a Human Capital Solution for Clients

**Learner Experience:** Each learner experience is intentionally personalized and high-touch, with each workshop including 8-24 participants - maintaining **CORE's proven high-touch delivery.** 





# **Deloitte Mentorship Programs**

# Guiding Veterans toward future success

# **Veteran Practitioner Program (VPP) Overview**

The Veteran Practitioner Program (VPP) is a 1-year mentorship program that pairs newly-hired veterans with experienced veteran practitioners to help accelerate their transition to Deloitte. The program uses a variety of attributes to effectively pair new hires with mentors who have similar military backgrounds and who work in similar areas at the organization.

# **Ways VPP mentors help their mentees**



#### **Understanding Deloitte Culture**

Military culture is vastly different than Deloitte and the VPP mentors provide training and resources to help veterans acclimate to the organization and hit the ground running. The program aims to connect mentees with their mentor in their first 60 days at the organization to help ensure they can receive strong formal and informal mentorship.

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## **Navigating a Deloitte Career**

Military veterans usually have a set career path and are unable to have a wide variety of areas they can get involved with and grow their skills. VPP mentors sometimes help guide mentees in getting involved in the right initiatives that interest them and create value for the organization.

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## **Networking**

Mentors help mentees understand the importance of networking within the organization. By sharing personal experiences, best practices, and personalized advice, mentors help mentees build, maintain, and leverage relationships that drive professional growth and development.

# **Deloitte Training Programs**

# Helping veterans improve professional skills

# **Veteran Training Quick Reference**

#### Overview

The Veteran Training Quick Reference provides foundational training opportunities to veteran new-hires to accelerate their impact on the organization and their professional career. Practitioner plans are broken down into education, experiences, and exposure:



**Education:** Participate in fundamental training courses to quickly hone core consulting skills.



**Experiences:** Learn about the Firm's resource deployment process and Firm offerings to reveal growth opportunities.



**Exposure:** Interact with Deloitte professionals to expand network and learn strategies for navigating the organization.

**Outcomes:** Leveraging Deloitte's vast training network, veteran new-hires can learn a set of tools and methodologies to fast-track their personal and professional effectiveness, while acquiring new skills and tactics to help grow and maintain a strong network.

## Courses at a glance

#### **Core consulting skills**

- Presenting with Confidence
- Building Client Deliverables
- Personal Productivity

#### **Corporate dynamics**

- Business Chemistry
- Building Executive Relationships
- · Working on Project Teams

#### **Communicating military skills**

- Communicating with Executives
- Branding You
- Building and Presenting Your Deliverable Story

#### **Networking**

- Strategic Relationship Building
- · Deloitte People Network: Be Discovered
- · Getting the Meeting

#### **Engagement management**

- · Critical Assessment and Decision Making
- Concepts of Logical Structuring & Storyboarding
- · Leading High Performing Teams

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# Veterans' Support Network An employee resource group (ERG) at BAE Systems, Inc.

# Chris Davison

Veteran Recruiting & Warrior Integration Program Manager Veterans' Support Network President 2014-2016





# **Veteran Outreach Tools at a Glance**

- Military Landing Page usually part of your careers site portal. Should include information relative to veterans
- Skills Translator usually part of your military landing page. Provides veterans a way to find jobs that match their technical skills
- Develop handout materials specific to military and veteran community
- Take advantage of free or low-cost job fairs sponsored by military installations
- Partner with state and federal veteran employment counselors
- Start a veteran-centric employee resource group (ERG)





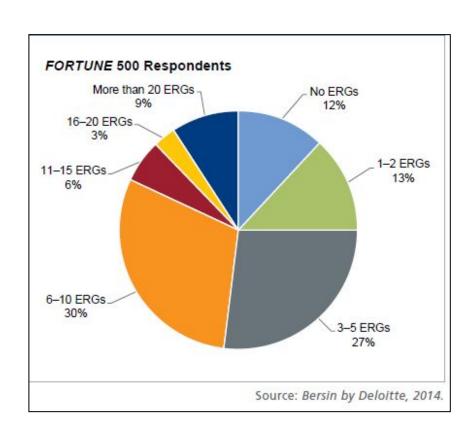






# **ERG Impact on Engagement & Retention**

- 88% of Fortune 500 respondents have ERGs
- Employee engagement is #1 reason for ERGs
- Leading companies use ERGs to recruit, retain, design products and services, and market internally and externally
- ERGs are also used as a resource for surfacing engaged talent
- ERGs contribute directly to employee inclusion, engagement and retention







Established: April 2014

# **Mission**

Our goal is to create and foster an inclusive community within BAE Systems, Inc. that integrates the values, roles and interests of veterans and veteran supporters in the workplace and within the communities

# **Mission Pillars**

- Transition
- Retention
- Education & Career Development
- Community Outreach

# **Objectives**

- Create a more inclusive work environment
- Provide Leadership Development training & opportunities
- Provide mentoring opportunities
- Develop products to aid veterans during new hire orientation
- Recognize veteran contributions and achievements
- Support the Guard & Reserve
- Organize community outreach events





# Membership

400+ Members at 39 locations

# **Growth Plan & Retention**

Issue quarterly newsletter, the *Scuttlebutt*, to communicate all-things veteran and related events

Promote the ERG's by incentivizing current VSN membership with a VetsHQ 1-year membership card

VSN-Sponsored parking signage at major BAE Systems, Inc. locations that honor combat-wounded veterans – 40 signs in place at over 25 locations

Recognize ALL veterans in BAE Systems annually – 5000+ with a token of appreciation and message from our CEO and Veterans' Support Network's Executive Sponsor













# Veteran Retention Program Purpose and Details

The purpose of a veteran retention program should be to hire, transition and develop veterans whose backgrounds suggest potential for success in the organization.

- Hire veterans to fill positions that meet business requirements
- Include veteran employees in the recruiting and interviewing processes
- Lengthy, highly engaging program duration (approximately 12 months)
- Strong coaching/support structure: manager, executive veteran coach/mentor, veteran employee sponsor, veteran employee resource group
- Addresses the problem of retaining recently separated veterans

# **USAA's VetsLeaD Program Overview**



## **Program Preparation**

Recruitment

- Determine roles
- Finalize positions
- Post positions
- Recruit on-boarding panelists

Communication plan

#### Selection

- Recruiter screening of candidates
- Resume review boards
- Hiring manager initial slate review
- Manager phone interviews
- F2F/video interviews
- Candidate selections
- · Offers & background checks
- Hiring managers, mentors. & sponsors orientations

#### **Orientations**

- New Employee Orientation
- USAA Veteran On-Boarding Session

## **Welcome Reception**

#### **EQi Assessments**

## **Cohort Classes**

- Understanding Our Business
- The Leader Within
- Contact Center College
- Coach for Results
- Process Excellence
- CareerPower Classics
- Leading for Inclusion
- Behind the Numbers
- Change Leadership

# **Program Execution**

#### **Innovation Program**

**Optional Classes** 

**Harvard** 

ManageMentor

Strategic Thinking Overview

Strategic Thinking Self

Managing Oneself

Career Management

Assessment

- University classes
- Business project

Military Insights

Presentation

## Coaching

- Manager monthly
- Mentor monthly
- Sponsor as needed
- Assessment debriefs

#### **Business Acumen**

- Company and Staff overviews
- Strategic overviews
- Business visits
- Y-cording

# **Military Field Visits**

### **Performance Planning**

**Presentations & Program Close** 

### **Program Sustainment**

# Assess **Program**

- Level 1 surveys
- Level 3 surveys
- Manager/Mentor feedback sessions
- HRBP/business feedback sessions

#### **Monitor Results**

 Monitor participant retention, job growth, and promotions

# **On-Going Development**

 Use past participants as panelists for Vet On-Boarding & Military Insights, and sponsors for future cohorts

6 months prior

**Program length: 12 months** 

**Ongoing** 

# Key Takeaways

- Veterans may have experience and education gaps but they have the characteristics your company wants; they are:
  - Loyal
  - Accountable
  - Team-players
  - Adaptable
  - Resilient







# Key Takeaways (cont'd.)

- Focus on value, both for your company and for the veteran
- Changing your HR processes will improve your ability to recruit and hire veterans
- Changing your onboarding and retention strategies will help you keep veterans
- Leverage supply-side solutions to meet your company's demands



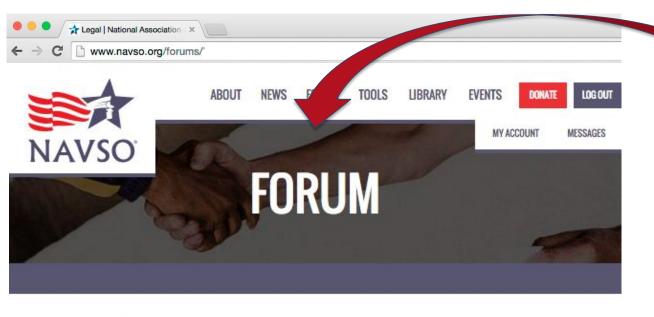


# Key Takeaways (cont'd.)

- Be consistent in your brand but make sure veterans understand all you do
- Leverage existing veteran employees to help recruit, hire, onboard and retain
- Make veteran hiring "personal" by allocating time to listen and seek







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# **Other Resources:**

Interested in mentoring veterans via 1-hr phone calls?

- Check out www.Veterati.com

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