## Recruiting \& Retaining Military Veteran Talent

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Imagination at work.

## GE on the military

"Veterans arrive at GE with not only translatable skills and expertise but with the intangibes and
values thatwe benieve define our culture and determine ollt success.t.

- Jeff mimelt



## GE veteran hiring commitment

## In January 2012, GE committed to hiring 5000 veterans through 2016

Four years in, 4,531 veterans have been hired across GE.

10,400 total employees at GE are veterans


One in fourteen U.S. employees of GE are military yerans

## GE veteran hiring commitment

- Partnering with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce to support 400 veterans' career fairs in the United States in 2012
"GE is a Chairman Sponsor of the US Chamber of Commerce Hiring our Heroes program and we have run 86 Transition Assistance Workshops at HoH events nationwide"
- Guaranteeing healthcare benefits for families while the employee is deployed
- Offering salary differential for families of deployed employees
- Providing special recognition and support for employees and families before and during deployment through company initiatives
- Creating a renowned GE leadership development program tailored specifically for military officers and reservists
- Creating a military-specific GE Veterans recruiting website.


## Veteran value proposition

## For GE

- Alignment of beliefs and values
- Proven leadership and teamwork
- Focused on achieving results... the right way
- Deep technical and operational skillsets


## For Veterans

- A career with a globally respected company

Strong support network
Growth opportunities
World class training programs

## Demonstrated ability in GE Beliefs



1. Customers Determine Our Success
2. Stay Lean to Go Fast
3. Learn and Adapt to Win
4. Empower and Inspire Each Other
5. Deliver Results in an Uncertain World

## Military Veterans

- Experience as military customer
- Cultivate global relationships
- Drive results in complex organization
- Focus on mission critical goals
- Flexibility to changing environments
- Improvise with uncertain information
- Delegation of significant responsibilities
- Lead and inspire by example
- Always put the mission first
- Know when to throw out the plan and change course


## How the GE Veterans Network can Help

## GEVN Hire Pillar

A GE-wide team to promote \& facilitate veteran hiring at GE

## Goals

$\checkmark$ Find and hire the best military talent
$\checkmark$ Onboard and transition

$\checkmark$ Provide high caliber talent pipeline to GE

## VN Leadership

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Executive Sponsors


## Christopher Augustine Army

Leaders


Dennis Bradley Air Force

Owen Shipler Air Force

- Development
- Community
- Careers
- PTS/TBI
(98)


## Services provided by Hire teams



## Matching

Hiring

What we do

- Recruit top military talent
- Refer talent
- Conduct hiring events
- Assist in offer to acceptance process
- Support on-boarding


## The Value

$\checkmark$ Sustained pipeline of high quality military talent
$\checkmark$ GE vets help better understand \& evaluate military candidates
$\checkmark$ Improved matches of military talent to roles
$\checkmark$ Broader, more diverse candidate pool
$\checkmark$ Improve conversion rate
$\checkmark$ Better onboarding and transition experience

## Hire team business support process


$\checkmark$ GEVN partners with Business recruiting, HR and hiring managers to identify target roles
$\checkmark$ Military talent is recruited and matched with actual Jobs by GEVN
$\checkmark$ Hired talent is on-boarded and enrolled in a transition program aligned with GEVN

## Partnership between GEVN Hire teams and Business HR and Hiring Managers

## Understanding veteran resumes

## (Actual resume examples)

## Performance

- Selected as the best Executive Officer in the Squadron
- $\quad$ Selected as Sailor of the Year (SOY) for USS Nashville (LPD 13)


## Program management

- Managed 80 soldiers, 25 vehicles, property worth over $\$ 71$ million and an annual budget of $\$ 5$ million
- Managed fuel/oil quality assurance program, verifying over 100,000 gallons daily


## Execution/Teamwork

- Conducted 250+ combat patrols receiving no friendly causalities
- Led the execution of over 800 flight hours without mishap


## Change management

- Personally initiated the development and standardization of 25 combat procedures, saving 100 man hours annually


## Strategic planning/execution

- Developed Strike Group training and operational blueprint, planning the movement of 8 vessels while executing over 300 exercises during training period


## GE sponsored veteran career fairs

| Career Fair | Month | Link |
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| G.I. Jobs | Monthly virtual career fairs | http://www.giiobs.com/events. <br> aspx |
| Service Academy Career <br> Conference | Mar, May, Aug, Nov | $\underline{\text { http://sacc-iobfair.com/ }}$ |
| Military Officers Association <br> of America | May <br> Feb, May, Aug (virtual) | http://www.moaa.org/careerfai <br> rs |
| NCOA/Military.com Career <br> Expo | Multiple every month across <br> the US | http://www.military.com/career <br> -expo/employee-recruiting/ |
| Military Officers Job <br> Opportunities (MOJO) | Mar, Jun, Sept, Dec | $\underline{\text { https://www.militarymojo.org }}$ |
| Hiring Our Heroes | Monthly | http://www.hiringourheroes.or |
| Recruit Military | Monthly | $\underline{\text { https://recruitmilitary.com/ }}$ |

Arrange participation with Global Talent Recruitment leader

## Useful tools

| Topic | Information | Link |
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| Hiring from the Government | Training and tools on compliant hiring from the government | http://libraries.ge.com/folders <br> Index.do?entity id=8119260 <br> 101\&sid=101\&ohr id=21006 <br> 5822\&sf=1 |
| Military Compensation Calculator | Calculate compensation of applicants in the military | http://militarypay.defense.go v/mpcalcs/calculators/rmc.as px |
| Military Job Definitions | Search various branches and military jobs for relevant role descriptions | http://online.onetcenter.or g/crosswalk/ |
| GE Veterans Network | GE - Veterans Network portal | http://www.ge.com/veterans http://sc.ge.com/*gevn |
| Military Rank Chart | Defines rank structure for all branches of service | http://www.defense.gov/abou t/insignias |

