

Tips for Military Spouses when looking for employment

Highlight some of what qualities of military spouse can bring:

- Emotional Resilience
- Experience in dealing with uncertainty
- Comfortable with constant transition

Resume:

- Customize your resume to the job you are seeking – have a master resume that includes all the experience
- Functional and combination of functional & chronological resume works better for most
- Research the company and the position – include key words and industry terminology
- Include transferable skills that relates to the position
- Avoid military acronyms – spell them out
- Include volunteer experience if it is relevant to the job
- Use action verbs and results that you have achieved

Job Search:

- Find military-friendly employers
- Look for telecommuting positions
- Leverage existing connections such as LinkedIn, Facebook and military support groups
- Familiarize yourself with different types of job search engines

Resources:

- Blue Star Families – www.bluestarfam.org
- www.fedshirevets.gov – federal hiring advice specifically for vets and military families
- www.usajobs.gov – to search for specific federal job openings and resources
- Military One Source – www.militaryonesource.mil
- Military Spouse Employment Partnership – <https://msejobs.militaryonesource.mil>
- Idealist is a nonprofit job search engine – www.idealist.org
- Hiring Our Heroes / Military Spouse Business Alliance Career Fairs – www.uschamber.com/hiringourheroes
- ESGR (Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve) – www.esgr.mil
- Comprehensive resume writing information – www.careeronestop.org/resumeguide