



Welcome to the Q2 2021 newsletter from the VETS team. We hope you've been enjoying some sunshine, had a relaxing bank holiday break and are looking forward to the months ahead – whatever they may hold. In this issue, we'll be sharing news of changes to the VETS site, a variety of events and a range of updates from partners.

## - WHAT'S NEW? -

### **VETS website updates**

In the Q1 newsletter, we shared the exciting news that following our hugely successful employment programme at the end of 2019, VETS will be opening up to all military spouses and partners.

We are currently in the process of building a new section of our website dedicated to spouses and partners which will be ready in the near future. In the meantime, if you know anyone who would be interested, they can [register interest](#) and they will be the first to hear when we go live.

Alongside this update, there will be a few other changes to the platform when this new area goes live. We'll share more details on the changes, and what the launch of the spouses section means for our users closer to the time.

### **VETS Disability sessions**

VETS recently hosted the first in our new series focused on veterans with disabilities and long term health conditions, talking all about reframing your condition and career breaks on your CV. A big thank you to all those who attended and particularly those who felt able to share their experiences. Thanks to all those involved in making it such a great session, one that many found quite eye opening!

The next session in the series "**Discovering Disability friendly businesses and roles**" is now [open for registration](#). This session will take place on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April between 11:00 – 12:00 and is focused on continuing the open conversation and interaction that worked so well in our first event.

We want to hear from you about what you want to see us discussing and topics you'd like covered so get in touch at [team@veteranemployment.co.uk](mailto:team@veteranemployment.co.uk) to share your thoughts.

## Welcome to our new partners

The focus for VETS is on finding the right job for the individual which is why it is so important that we have great partners on board, providing a wide spectrum of roles. We have partners across all sectors and located throughout the country and are continuing to grow; it is exciting to see more and more diverse businesses coming on board. This allows us to offer a wide variety of opportunities to our Veterans, something we and our partners are extremely proud of. Therefore, it is a pleasure to announce some of our newest partners:

- **XPO Logistics** is a top ten global provider of cutting-edge supply chain solutions to the most successful companies in the world with over 200 locations. The team currently have a number of roles available on their [VETS profile](#) so head over and have a look.
- **The Good Food Institute Europe** is helping to build a more sustainable, healthy and just food system by transforming meat production.
- **Switch the Play** is the UK's only charity dedicated to supporting all sportspeople to successfully transition into life outside of sport. This enables them to fulfil their potential through and outside of sport. Here's what they had to say about signing up to VETS:  
*"We are delighted to be linking in with the VETS programme as part of our work supporting military personnel. The programme is well established and provides an excellent complementary programme of support to the work that we deliver. Our work with VETS will include connecting them in as part of our Life After Military Bootcamp programme which I am sure will be of great value to those attending the programme."*
- **JT & Sons Relocations Ltd** are a small family owned commercial and industrial relocation company, formed in 2008, who undertake a wide range of moves from office relocations to factories, libraries, gyms and more.
- And finally, **Bloomberg** is a financial, software, data, and media company best known for providing financial software tools and enterprise applications to financial companies and organizations.

## - UPCOMING EVENTS -

### Barclays Military Talent Scheme Insight Session – 20<sup>th</sup> April – 11.00 to 12.00

Barclays recognise that Service personnel have outstanding experience, transferable skills and core values that can add significant value to the commercial sector. From leadership skills to strategic thinking and problem solving, the strengths displayed by Service Leavers and Veterans are highly transferable into Financial Services. Barclays Military Talent Scheme (MTS) is open to any Service Leaver, regardless of Service or rank, who is in the last 6 months of their resettlement period during the duration of the scheme. The team provide an 8 to 12-week work placement in an established team in a FTSE 100 company with opportunities to apply for a permanent role with Barclays. Opportunities to join the scheme are available throughout 2021.

This webinar, on the 20<sup>th</sup> April (11:00 – 12:00), will give you the opportunity to hear more about the MTS and how to apply. You'll also hear from someone who has recently gone through the scheme, completed their placement in 2020 and is now working full time for Barclays. Register for this session [here](#).

### Virtual Bloomberg Military Veteran Insight Session – 27<sup>th</sup> April

We are thrilled to share that our new partners over at Bloomberg are already busy with their upcoming veteran insight day. This event aims to ease the transition from a

Military career to one in Financial Services by informing, educating and engaging with Service leavers about Bloomberg as a company and its role in supporting the Financial Services industry.

[Registrations](#) close end of day Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April to confirm your attendance.

### **Matero Ex-Military Women in the Corporate World – 29 April**

The focus of the event will be on ex-military women in business and will include:

- Personal transition journeys and experiences from ex –military women, attending as guest speakers
- The Matero perspective on consultancy and the ex-military dynamic
- Q&A with the panel
- Break-out rooms for further networking and to share and explore ideas.

To register for the event, please outline your interest in consultancy and any areas of focus or previous experience to [TScriven-Baker@metro.co.uk](mailto:TScriven-Baker@metro.co.uk) by Fri 23 April.

### **Ruralink Careers Insight Day: Scotland – 27<sup>th</sup> May**

In partnership with the OA Scotland, Ruralink is on a mission to INSPIRE and INFORM service leavers about careers on the land. Whatever your rank/rate, length and branch of service, there are rewarding opportunities for you, starting with this session. Find out more and register [here](#).

## **- IN OTHER NEWS -**

### **Barclays shares a success story and encourages applications for their Military Talent Scheme**

Lewis Taylor, Barclays Project Manager, shares how 12 years in the military helped him to transition into banking in a case study shared by Barclays.

Lewis discusses his career, concerns and the Barclays initiatives supporting him and other ex-service people considering a career in financial services. Read [Lewis' story](#) and find out more about the options available, including the Military Talent Scheme and other events.

### **Update from SSAFA**

- Take part in one of our major Armed Forces Day events and enjoy the sights and scenery of the London riverside. This walk is suitable for all and takes in all 13 bridges in Greater London with the **SSAFA 13 Bridges Challenge 2021**. Find out more via the [event page](#) on the VETS site.
- **Payroll Giving** is a highly efficient way to support the work of SSAFA the Armed Forces charity. It's as simple as agreeing that a certain amount is paid to the charity from your monthly salary. Since the donation is taken from your salary before tax is deducted, it costs you less and HM Revenue & Customs gives SSAFA the tax it would otherwise have kept. Your gift to SSAFA could therefore be worth up to 40% more to the charity. For more information on how to sign up to Payroll Giving please visit the [SSAFA website](#).

### **Find out more about Erskine**

Erskine have a range of accommodation options available to Veterans from five Assisted Living flats and 44 cottages to four care home facilities. New to the portfolio is the Erskine Transitional Supported Accommodation (David Boyle Court), which supports Service leavers and Veterans whose life or transition plans had been disrupted. Erskine are offering accommodation in the David Boyle Court and wraparound support, so that Veterans have a mutual support base in which to reflect, re-orientate and retrain before relocating to the region and employment of their choice – giving back to their community in the way we know they can. Find out more details about what the team does and how to get support [here](#).

### **Update from the Royal Naval Association (RNA)**

The Royal Naval Association has a few updates and opportunities currently available to Royal Navy Veterans and a membership update for all.

- **Face of a Veteran:** A new exhibition at the National Museum of the Royal Navy, called 'Face of a Veteran' will be launched later this year to broaden the understanding of Royal Navy Veterans, full details attached. If you'd like to get involved, please send [Charlotte \(Charlie\) Darlington](#) a couple of short paragraphs on your time in the RN and what you've been up to since you've left - the more the merrier! Charlie will follow up individually with you around photography etc. to create the profiles for the exhibition.
- **Membership** to the Association is now completely free for anyone to register.
- Call for volunteers for the **Naval Associations' Parade**, currently planned for 12<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at the Cenotaph in London. The aim is to have over 1,000 RN veterans marching focused on honouring those lost during the Covid pandemic who did not get the send-off they deserved. The ask is for 12 volunteers from 0900–1230 (timing tbc) in Whitehall. Duties will include manning security entrances with, helping older veterans with access and the march, general signposting and possibly some media liaison support. If you can support, or for more details, contact [Charlotte \(Charlie\) Darlington](#) to register your interest.

### **Now open: Disabled Veterans' Scholarships Fund Applications**

It's that time again and we are pleased to share that once again the team over at the Open University have opened their applications for the Disabled Veterans' Scholarship.

The scholarships aim to give disabled (physical and mental health conditions) veterans, injured in or due to military service, access to free Open University (OU) study with specialist disability and careers support. The scholarships are flexible to suit the needs and objectives of each applicant. They can cover anything from introductory access modules to an entire undergraduate or postgraduate qualification.

The OU has awarded 160 scholarships so far, helping individuals from a variety of service backgrounds and who have a range of physical disabilities and complex mental health conditions.

[Applications opened on the 18<sup>th</sup> March](#) and will close at Midnight on the 9<sup>th</sup> July. A randomised selection process to select 50 scholarships will then take place Find out more about the application process and for full Terms and Conditions, please refer to the [website](#). If you would like to know more about partnerships and ways in which your business could support this new cohort, please email [tracy.grunwell@open.ac.uk](mailto:tracy.grunwell@open.ac.uk)

**For new connections, roles, events and resources, head to the [VETS Website](#)**

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