



Welcome to the first newsletter of 2021 from the VETS team. As we move in to the new year, we have lots of interesting news to share with you around our platform, plans and partners.

## - WHAT'S NEW? -

### **VETS is expanding!**

Over recent years, we've seen more and more requests for VETS to support spouses and partners and following our hugely successful employment programme at the end of 2019, we are pleased to confirm that VETS will be opening up the programme for all military spouses and partners.

We are currently building a whole new section of our website dedicated to spouses and partners and will be working to get this ready in the near future so keep your eyes peeled on our [LinkedIn](#) page and your emails for updates.

### **Health & Wellbeing in 2021**

Right now, health is at the forefront of our minds and for those of you who have challenges here, VETS wants to help. We understand that managing job hunting with a military background can mean there are added complexities to identifying the right opportunities, for those with long term health conditions or disabilities, this seems even more prevalent. [So what can we do?](#)

In the coming weeks and months, look out for new resources on the VETS site to support you in your journey. Additionally, we will have spotlight sessions and bespoke webinars with our partners focused on key issues faced by ex-service personnel who were medically discharged, have a long term health condition or a disability. Sign up to our first event "[Reframing your disability and medical related career breaks on your CV](#)" now.

### **Meet your match – register your interest now**

Mentoring is a vital part of the VETS experience. We are incredibly grateful to our mentors for the support they offer and know how useful their experience and knowledge is to our veterans.

We also recognise that, particularly during these tricky times, it can be difficult to identify a mentor who would suit your needs and feel comfortable approaching them and start a conversation. With this in mind, we are looking to offer an opportunity for veterans and mentors alike to get a chance to explore the community. The VETS team are therefore inviting you to try speed mentoring. Making the most of your time and reducing the email traffic whilst giving you the best prospect of finding a mentoring match in this virtual world.

Register your interest as a [mentee](#) or as a [mentor](#) and we'll confirm details with you shortly.

### **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:

- **Vysiion** is a growing organisation specialising in providing IT Managed Services and Consultancy to the UK Public Sector.
- **NHS Business Services Authority** is an Arm's Length Body of the Department of Health and Social Care.
- **NatWest Group** are working on their mission to make NatWest Group the "No 1 Military Bank" for customers, colleagues and external influencers,
- A familiar face, **London Chauffeur Company** gets an update! Take a look at the new profile page [Albemarle & Page Executive Travel Management](#) as well as their opportunities.

## **- UPCOMING EVENTS -**

### **Ruralink Insight Event – 25<sup>th</sup> February**

Whether you are weighing up your options or have already set your heart on a rural follow-on career, attending a Rural Careers Insight Day is highly likely to be the catalyst to that next chapter. If you are interested in forestry, farming, land management and linked employments, with a particular focus on resettling in northern England, this is the event for you. You can register [here](#).

### **Deloitte Military Insight Day – 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

Join the team for another of their "Insight into Professional Services by Deloitte" sessions for Service Personnel. During the session the team will touch on matching your skills, civilianising your CV and share experiences of others who have made the leap to professional services. Find more details on the [VETS page](#) and register.

### **Barclays Military Talent Day – 25<sup>th</sup> March**

The Barclays Military Talent Day (MTD) provides an opportunity for service personnel, veterans and military spouses and partners interested in Financial Services to get an insight into the sector. The overall event will run simultaneously with sessions focused on England, Scotland and the US, with location specific information at each event.

This event is open for [registrations](#) from those who have served in the Armed Forces as well as their spouses and partners.

### **Matero Consulting Event – April**

Leaving the Armed Forces and interested in Consultancy? [Matero Consulting's](#) Military Transition Network is an informal network to support individuals transitioning from the military in search of new opportunities in the commercial world.

Matero Consulting host regular events providing mentoring support and advice with the next event taking place in April. Get in touch at [info@matero.co.uk](mailto:info@matero.co.uk) to begin a conversation about your next adventure. Find out more about this and other news via the [LinkedIn page](#).

## **- IN OTHER NEWS -**

### **WorldNet Consultants Ltd are looking for veterans**

Leading specialists in recruitment and training for the Financial Services Industry, with opportunities available both in the UK and abroad, (Inc. Europe, Australasia, the Middle East, Far East and more as they endeavour to place candidates in optimum locations) the team are looking to recruit bright, numerate, and literate individuals wishing to kick-start their new career with tenacity and drive. The team offer bespoke training and support and welcome your enquiries!



Head to the website [www.worldnet-uk.com](http://www.worldnet-uk.com) or email your cv to [mail@worldnet-uk.com](mailto:mail@worldnet-uk.com) to find out more, and hear from a previous trainee here:

*"After a long career in the Armed Forces, serving in many locations across the globe and a subsequent career in Financial Services, I was looking for a recruitment company that could place me overseas with a brokerage that would offer me the chance to fully utilise my life experience! Once I had completed the training course, I was placed with exactly the right company in Latin America where after 3 months I was promoted into a senior director's position – much sooner than I imagined! Sonia, and team, provide an excellent service and I have no hesitation in recommending them." - Wayne, 2020 Delegate*

### **The Armed Forces Covenant and status in law**

The next five-yearly Armed Forces Bill is due in 2021. The Government has said it will use the bill to further incorporate the Armed Forces Covenant into law. This Commons Library paper explains what the Covenant is, its current status in law and the Government's proposals. Find the full report [here](#).

### **Living in our shoes report**

The review, commissioned by the Ministry of Defence, was undertaken in 2019 to look into the concerns raised by armed forces families and recommendations for change. The full report includes a number of case studies of support for military families, and describes what it is like to live in their shoes. It provides the main themes around the concerns as well as detailed evidence for the recommendations from the review. Find the full report and more [here](#).

### **Enhanced Learning Credits (ELC) 2021 policy change**

Change to legislation is currently underway to ensure that those who left the Armed Forces between 1 April 2011 to 31 March 2016 have their original 10-year ELC

entitlement reinstated. Work is currently in hand, with the legislation hoped to come into force on 30 March 2021. Click [here](#) to get the full details.

### **Defence Relationship Management (DRM) Awards open for 2021**

The Employer Recognition Scheme (ERS) recognises organisations who pledge, demonstrate and advocate their support for the Defence community. There are three tiers of award – Bronze, Silver and Gold. The nomination windows for the 2021 awards are now open for employers to nominate themselves. Award windows are:

- Bronze - Throughout the year
- Silver - 16th April
- Gold - 17th March

Find out more, view previous award winners and nominate [here](#).

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

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