

Q1 2020 VETS Newsletter

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2020 from the VETS team.

What's new?

Date Change and Registration – Mission Motorsport Careers Fair – 11th February 2020

VETS will be hosting its first ever Careers Fair on Tuesday 11th February, 2020 in Silverstone. We are delighted to be able to confirm the date for the event and share registration details. This event is a wonderful opportunity for our veterans and partners to come together for the first time to have 1:1 discussions and support sessions focused on things like CV building. The event will be free to attend for all and will include VETS partners from across businesses, industries and locations.

Registration is mandatory for this event and details are available via www.linkedin.com/in/vets, @VETSUKAF (twitter) and www.veteranemployment.co.uk/events

Welcome to our new partners

The VETS platform focus 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.

As we mentioned, we have partners from across the piece and have more sectors on board than ever before. Going forward we are continuing to grow and to push to work with more and more diverse businesses to offer a variety of opportunities to our Veterans to help them find what is right for them. Therefore, it is a pleasure to announce some of our newest partners:

- **WYG** – Working alongside clients to develop strategies and plans, WYG develop, design and deliver interdisciplinary projects; from technical solutions to complex challenges that support a sustainable future.
 - **Team Rubicon UK** – Building capacity and resilience, establishing key partnerships and making the promise that if disaster strikes, Team Rubicon will deploy the most agile, tenacious response teams in the world.
- **SolasCure** – Aims to support healthcare professionals with wound care products that significantly improve the health and wellbeing of patients with chronic wounds.

- **Motorola Solutions** – A global leader in mission-critical communications with technology platforms in communications, command centre software, video security & analytics, and managed & support services that make cities safer and help communities and businesses thrive.
- **Ruralink** – Working with rural businesses and the land-based community to develop sustainable careers particularly for those ex-military individuals.

Visit www.veteranemployment.co.uk to see all of our new partners, their available roles and to get in touch

Upcoming Events



Service Leavers' & Veterans Transition Networking Event Tuesday 21st January 2020, Colchester Officers' Club

Did you know 65% - 85% of jobs are found by networking (Harvard Business School)? If you are leaving the Armed Forces, you cannot afford not to network!

If you are leaving the Armed Forces, just thinking about it or are a Veteran not quite fulfilling your potential, network generation in business is essential to your success. Leavers' Link events are free and genuinely help you answer the tough questions about Transition.

Find out more at <https://www.veteranemployment.co.uk/events>

Eagle Labs VETSTech Launch, Supported by VETS Wednesday 26th February 2020, 10:00 – 15:00, Leeds

**Are you looking to start your own business? Fancy being your own boss?
Do you already run your own business? If the answer to any of these
questions is yes – then read on!**

If you are thinking of leaving the Services, are a Veteran or Military Spouse who would like to learn more about starting your own business, come along to the Barclays VETSTech event being held in the Eagle Lab in Leeds city centre on Feb 26th. The event will run from 10am – 3pm and will provide you an opportunity to learn more about what it takes to set up and run a successful business. You will hear first-hand from Veterans who have made the leap successfully and who are willing to share some 'top tips' for success. We will also have on hand staff from Barclays to provide financial advice and guidance to help you start your journey and advice from Eagle Labs on how they can support your vision.

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**BuildForce Armed Forces Insight Day, hosted by Wates
Thursday 27th February 2020, 10:30 – 15:00, Manchester**

Focusing on local and nationwide construction, the built environment, current and pipeline opportunities and a chance to talk to key employers from the BuildForce Alliance, with more to be confirmed.

This is a great opportunity to discuss skills required, training and find out more about what the industry has to offer; roles such as Project Managers, Designers, Logisticians, Mechanical and Electrical Engineers, Quantity Surveyors, Estimators, Health and Safety, QA, Tradesmen, Civil Engineering and supporting roles.

As well as providing an insight into career pathways in the construction industry, you will have an opportunity to spend 1-2-1 time with our employers in an informal atmosphere to discuss transferrable skills, CV advice, training and employment opportunities.

RSVP: caroline.logan.buildforce@wilsonjames.co.uk

Find out more at <https://www.veteranemployment.co.uk/events>



A Day with BT

Wednesday 11th March 2020, 10:00 – 15:00, Birmingham
More dates and locations available.

Transition Force can help you find the role, company and industry that's right for you. These events are informal, and are aimed specifically at armed forces leavers, veterans and their spouses / partners.

By attending a workshop, you will get:

- An introduction to BT / Openreach's business (the focus topic is as per each workshop's title)

Advice on demonstrating how your military skills and experience transfer to civilian jobs

- Information about our recruitment processes
- Introductions to ex-service personnel working for BT / Openreach who have successfully transitioned from the military to civilian employment.

Find out more at <https://www.veteranemployment.co.uk/events>



Barclays Military Talent Day

Thursday 23rd April 2020, 10:00 – 15:00, London
More locations available.

The Barclays Military Talent Day, taking place across three locations on the 23rd April, provides an opportunity for service personnel and veterans interested in Financial Services to get a deep insight into the sector. Consisting of a series of presentations about the different business units and functions within Barclays. The presentations are delivered by senior leaders and highlight the transferable skills that service leavers can bring to Barclays and outline the various entry routes into Barclays for both service leavers and veterans.

Find out more at <https://www.veteranemployment.co.uk/events>



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Career Transition Partnership 2020 Employment Fairs Multiple dates and locations available.

Salford 13 February 2020	Newbury 26 March 2020	Newark 30 April 2020
Edinburgh 21 May 2020	Bristol 11 June 2020	Newmarket 2 July 2020
Leeds 10 September 2020	Southampton 8 October 2020	Telford 26 November 2020

Why attend a CTP Employment Fair?

If you are an employer: The Career Transition Partnership (CTP) has a wealth of experience of working with organisations like yours. You can expect to meet hundreds of potential candidates at our nationwide events, designed specifically for employers seeking to recruit ex-military talent. Our events typically attract up to 500 highly trained, motivated Service leavers and it is a fantastic opportunity to promote your company brand and the vacancies you have to offer. Find out more here:

<https://www.ctp.org.uk/employers/ex-military-employment-events>

If you are a Service leaver or veteran: Our events are a fantastic opportunity to meet with 70-100 potential employers representing a wide range of industry sectors. You will learn about the job vacancies they offer and about their companies. There are also some support organisations to guide you through your resettlement on a range of topics, plus the CTP team on hand to help! Simply call 0203 162 4410 to reserve your place or visit

<https://www.ctp.org.uk/events> to find out more.

Other News

Coming soon: Disabled Veterans' Scholarships Fund Applications

Open University scholarships are providing free university education with specialist support for disabled veterans

These 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.

Applications open 18 March 2020 and can be submitted by post or email for all OU study (undergraduate and postgraduate) beginning during the 2020/21 academic year. A randomised selection process to select 50 scholarships will take place in July 2020 with successful applicants receiving full fee waivers up to a max of 120 credits per academic year; 360 credits in total and not exceeding £18,000 for the total duration of the applicant's qualification. Successful applicants will also be entitled to specialist equipment and disability support. Talk to a student advisor by contacting the Student Recruitment Team on 0300 303 5303 or studentfees@open.ac.uk. If you would like to know more about partnerships please email tracy.grunwell@open.ac.uk

For full Terms and Conditions, please refer to the [website](#).

Defence Employee Recognition Scheme (ERS) Awards

Gold and Silver ERS Award Registration opens

The Defence Employer Recognition Scheme (ERS) encourages employers to support defence and inspire others to do the same. The scheme encompasses bronze, silver and gold awards for employer organisations that pledge, demonstrate or advocate support to defence and the Armed Forces community, and align their values with the Armed Forces Covenant.

Bronze award holders are self-nominated by employers who have signed the Armed Forces Covenant and are Forces-Friendly, including employing veterans or reservists. To be considered for Silver or Gold award there is additional criteria each business will have to hit including having policies in place, actively employing veterans or reservists and having relationships with relevant parties.

To view a list of the criteria, the deadlines for registering interest in the awards, as well as all award holders, click [here](#).

Exclusive Eagle labs discount for VETS

Room to explore. Space for you to create, innovate and grow.

Whether you're an inventor, innovator, business founder or mentor, our growing network of Barclays Eagle Labs are spaces dedicated to helping nurture and grow ideas. We're delighted to share that Barclays are offering a 20% discount on Lab membership (25% if you're a Barclays customer) for all members of the VETS programme.

Find out more at www.labs.uk.barclays/vets

New roles and events now listed on the [VETS Website](#)

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