



Welcome to the Q3 2021 newsletter from the VETS team. In this issue, we'll be sharing news of changes to the VETS team, updates to the site, a variety of events and a range of updates from partners.

- WHAT'S NEW? -

News from the VETS Team: Message from Kevin Gartside, Head of Military & Veterans Outreach (MVO), Barclays

We are opening the Q3 Newsletter on a bittersweet note. The driving force behind VETS – Lisa Marr and Suzan Boylan – have both secured opportunities for fantastic new roles within Barclays. Whilst delighted for them both on a personal level, I am gutted on a professional level, as it means we are losing them from the Barclays Military & Veterans Outreach team and therefore, VETS.

For those of you that have been involved in VETS for more than two years, you will understand the impact both Lisa and Suzan have had on the initiative. What they have achieved over the past two years is nothing short of spectacular, putting VETS at the forefront of supporting veterans in their second careers and creating a truly collaborative space, where employers can share ideas and best practice. The good news is that the foundations they have laid are solid and collectively as partners, we can continue to grow VETS to support the community we serve.

Whilst I am looking to bring in new leadership in due course, that is for the future, but for now, I want to publicly put on record my gratitude to Lisa and Suzan for everything they have done for VETS. They will be sorely missed.

Kev

VETS website updates

We re-launched the VETS platform during Armed Forces week 2020 and have been so pleased to see a number of you engaging and making the most of it. Since launch, we have welcomed your feedback and want to thank those who have shared thoughts and feedback, we appreciate every comment as it really helps us shape our plans around the community. A number of you had questions about messaging and monitoring connection requests and we are pleased to be able to share that you will now have access to a "messaging centre" via the site.

What this means is that the next time you log in to the site, you will have a new tab available which will have a little number next to it whenever you have a new message or connection. You will be able to access messages or connections you have sent through the platform since launch and you'll be able to keep track of activity in one place. You will still receive an email from the website when you have a new message or request but you can now find previous messages which we hope will make building mentoring relationships far easier for you.

The messaging centre will work similar to any social media system and we hope the familiar build will make everyone feel comfortable in using it. It goes without saying that we hope this will mean more relationship building across the site but we do also expect our users to use this platform in a professional manner and ask you to keep some of the banter for your own social media.

We know a number of you had hoped to see this implemented and we are so pleased to be able to bring this to life. We feel this is a wonderful example of coming together to make improvements and the difference an engaged community can make – we hope you do too!

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 joining us. 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:

- **ABP UK** are one of the leading UK food manufacturers focused on delivering excellence for our customers. Through a combination of structured professional development and on-the-job practical training ABP UK make it a priority to give every employee the opportunity to realise their potential and currently have a [number of roles](#) open.
- **Defence Equipment & Support (DE&S)** works by equipping and supporting our armed forces. The team are an integral part of the UK's Defence and are a mix of civil servants, military and contractors and are actively [recruiting now](#).
- **Give us Time** helps service families reconnect to life after deployments and provides them with the chance to spend time together and to reaffirm their family bonds and strengthen relationships.
- **National Rifle Association** are a registered charity with a Royal Charter. The NRA's charitable objectives are to promote and encourage marksmanship throughout the Queen's dominions in the interest of defence and the permanence of the volunteer and auxiliary forces, naval, military and air.
- And finally, **Zzoomm plc** is a new Full Fibre broadband company completely separate to any other network. The team are currently expanding to deliver incredibly fast fibre-optic broadband service

- UPCOMING EVENTS -

Virtual Bloomberg Military Veteran Insight Session – 29th July

After the success of their first event earlier in the year, the team are back with another military insight event! This session will include an insight into Bloomberg, a panel discussion with Bloomberg veterans and a unique networking opportunity to support

you on your journey. If you wish to attend this event, you'll need to submit your CV and your details by end of day Monday 26th July. Click [here](#) to register.

Switch the Play: Half Marathon – 01st August

Switch the Play Foundation have charity places available for the London Landmarks Half Marathon (LLHM). This 13.1-mile weave around our capital was due to take place on 23rd May but will now go ahead in August to fit with government restrictions. This is your chance to be part of the first-ever Switch the Play running team at an official challenge event! Visit the [event page](#) for full details.

An Insight into Professional Services with Deloitte – 7th September

Transitioning out of the armed forces is a challenging time. The amount of options you have can be rather daunting so join Deloitte for their next military insight day focused on exploring professional services. Click [here](#) to view.

BuildForce Armed Forces Insight Day hosted by Amey – 15th September

The BuildForce Insight Day brings together nationwide construction employers and Service Leavers and Veterans. The team are currently working hard to pull together a fantastic day and are so excited to welcome people back at their first in person insight day in 18 months! Click [here](#) to find out more.

Barclays CV and Interview Workshop – September, date tbc

The Barclays AFTER team offer a one-day virtual workshop to help you refine your CV as your primary marketing tool and give you techniques for success in job interviews. A unique opportunity for you to experience a mock interview in a challenging but supportive environment. To register your interest in this session, click [here](#) to e-mail the team.

The team are also hosting a number of other events including a CTP Live Chat for Scotland and a Military Talent Scheme focused webinar in August. Head over to their [events page](#) for more.

- IN OTHER NEWS -

Veterans Work: The Podcast

Brought to you by our friends at Deloitte, Officers Association, Forces in Mind Trust and produced by The Drive Project comes Veterans Work: The Podcast, a five-part series.

Hosted by the wonderful Kate Silverton, you'll hear from business leaders, entrepreneurs, political decision makers and veterans from all walks of life; breaking down assumptions and stereotypes and looking at the value and skillset service-leavers bring to business. Join the conversation on social media (@VeteransWorkUK) or head to veteranswork.org.uk.

WorldNet are looking for talent

The team at WorldNet are specialists in what they do and are currently on the lookout for new talent. If you think you might be interested in learning something new and

trying out a new career path, have a look at their profile and get in touch using the information below.



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Employer Recognition Scheme Gold Awards announced

It's that time again and an amazing 140 organisations have received the Employer Recognition Scheme Gold Award for their outstanding support towards the Armed Forces community. Some key names you may recognise from the announcements include the following partners:

- ABF The Soldiers Charity
- BuildForce
- Clifford Chance
- Metro Bank
- Mission Motorsport
- Naval Families Federation
- UBS

While there are far too many for us to list here, we just want to say a huge well done to all our partners who have been awarded Gold, Silver or Bronze. Find more [here](#).

Career Pursuit

Career Pursuit - A Career Guide for Military Families on the Move is an annual not-for-profit magazine from Helen Massy, providing consolidated career advice to the military

spouse/partner and veteran community, along with resources, top tips, and a variety of employment-related content.

In 2020, Helen launched Career Pursuit from her kitchen table and this year has gained sponsorship from some of our partners, such as Barclays, to play a part in helping her bring this further, including print copies of the magazine. Head over to the [website](#) to get access to the newest edition!

SSAFA is hiring!

Many of you will already be very familiar with SSAFA and the work they do to support our Forces and their families, but this support takes a whole team to provide and SSAFA are currently looking for people to join them across the UK! Click [here](#) to find more details on the following vacancies and more:

- Head of Commercial & Corporate Partnerships
- Casework Administrator – Scotland
- Project Officer - Tackling Loneliness
- Regional Casework Manager - Wales

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

The VETS Team



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