



As the end of the year finally approaches, we welcome you to the final newsletter of 2020 from the VETS team.

- WHAT'S NEW? -



Shop Military family businesses in 2020

While so many of us are forced to buy our presents online this year, why not support military family businesses while you are doing so?

The Families Federation have put together the Military Families in Business: Christmas Gift Guide 2020. Filled with over 30 military family owned businesses, there is sure to be something for everyone from crafting kits and personalised gifts all the way to handcrafted jewellery and cycling gear. Browse the full gift guide [here](#).

Defence Relationship Management Annual Survey 2020

Defence Relationship Management (DRM) are looking for businesses to participate in their Annual Survey. The purpose of the survey is to improve service delivery by gaining a better understanding of views on how Defence Relationship Management (DRM) engages with organisations.

The survey should only take a few minutes and thoughts or observations from individuals experiences are incredibly valuable. Click [here](#) to find the survey.

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:

- **City Veterans CIC** focus on coordinating fund raising and connecting firms across the country and across different professional industries, to help them coordinate their recruiting efforts and engage at the right level with HM Forces.

- **Walking with the Wounded** is a national charity that exists to support the most vulnerable, hardest to reach ex-military and their families, that have struggled to transition after leaving military service.
- **Karro Food Group** are one of the UK's leading pork processors with processing plants across the country – supplying products to leading retailers, foodservice and manufacturing customers.
- **Erskine** provides unrivalled support to veterans in Scotland, has been caring for veterans since 1916, through four care homes and a Veterans Village
- **Forces Transition Group** was founded by ex-military personnel who have made the transition and want to share their skills and experience.
- Specialists in the financial recruitment field, **World Net Consultants** offer a bespoke and hands-on experience. The team are currently recruiting a **Trainee Business Development Manager / Financial Adviser**, click [here](#) to find out more about this opportunity.
- A familiar face, **WYG** gets an update! More on this within the "In other news" section

- UPCOMING EVENTS -

Join Amazon Web Services (AWS) Re-start program session this Thursday

Amazon Web Services (AWS) Re-Start program re-skills ex-military personnel, providing them with transferable skills for cloud roles. AWS are committing to supporting 100 individuals through a free twelve-week full-time programme, with follow-on support for the remainder of the year.

We are looking for organisations that require cloud resource within their IT teams to employ the service leavers/veterans as they graduate from the initial twelve-week programme. They will be a certified AWS Cloud Practitioner and will work towards AWS Associate level certification over the following six months (alongside their full-time roles). Please join on **Thursday 10 Dec 10:30-11:30** to find out more about the programme and how you can get involved!

Click to join the meeting: <https://chime.aws/7861137109>

Meeting ID: 7861 13 7109

Call in using your phone: United Kingdom Toll-Free (1): +44 800 085 5175

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Download Amazon Chime [here](#) or for information about creating an Amazon Chime account, see [here](#).



BT Skills for Tomorrow Sessions

BT are offering online and face to face courses to help SME owners, their employees and people looking for work improve their digital and employability skills through online tools, social media advice and new digital tips and tricks, empowering them with the skills they need today, for tomorrow. Find out more about what is available on the [BT profile page](#).

Ruralink move online

Formerly face-to-face networking events in Cirencester, Ruralink have gone virtual with "The Rural List Online". This is now a national group welcoming resettling personnel and veterans from across the UK. If you are interested in a career in the land, find out more [here](#).

Let us know!

As we look forward to 2021, we want to hear your suggestions on what events and topics you'd like to see covered. Simply click [here](#) to email us with your thoughts and let us know what you would find useful; whether you are a veteran, mentor, business or any combination of the three, we would love to hear your thoughts.

- IN OTHER NEWS -

Launch of the Veterans Railcard

National Rail have introduced the new Veterans railcard exclusively for UK Veterans. If you have served in the Armed Forces or Merchant Mariners, or seen duty on legally defined military ops, you may be eligible.

The card is currently available at an introductory price of £21 for the year, and will offer savings of 1/3 off most rail travel, for you, a travel companion and up to four children. As we hopefully look to return to being able to travel again in 2021 – this could save you some pennies!

Read full details and register for yours [here](#).

WYG rebrand to Tetra Tech Inc. in 2021

Following the acquisition of WYG by Tetra Tech in 2019 we will be fully adopting the Tetra Tech name and visual identity across all areas of our business from early 2021. We will be part of the European operations of Tetra Tech Inc., a leading provider of consulting and engineering services. Tetra Tech is a NASDAQ-listed US\$3.1 billion company. It supports government and commercial clients with innovative solutions focused on infrastructure and urban development, energy, transport, water, and resource management. With 20,000 associates worldwide, Tetra Tech's capabilities span the entire project cycle.

So, what does this mean for the veterans' community? By leveraging Tetra Tech's excellent reputation, we will continue to attract high profile clients and be able to compete with our larger peers for flagship projects creating opportunities for our people and attracting new talent to our business. Concurrently, it will provide an increased network for supporting the VETS' Mentoring Programme.

Read more about Tetra Tech's Defence Services in Europe [here](#). For further general information on Tetra Tech visit <https://www.tetratech.com/> or find us on social media with [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) & [Instagram](#)

WWTW Reminder: Final call for Walking Home for Christmas

WWTW, are hosting their 10th Annual [Walking Home For Christmas](#) campaign, albeit a bit differently this year. As so many of us are stuck at home, there is no better time than to arrange a small team, family members or indeed your entire business to get behind this! Sign up online to get your hat and face mask to keep you safe, compliant and feeling merry while you walk home over the 10th – 20th December.

Thank you from the VETS Team

MERRY
Christmas



Well 2020 is nearly over and nobody will be sad to see this year-end as we all look forward to 2021 with optimism. It has been some year but the VETS Team would like to thank all of our partners and mentors for their unwavering support and assistance to our military community throughout the year.

We look forward to being able to do it all over again in 2021, hopefully face to face in the not too distant future, but until then have a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

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

The VETS Team



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