Ferndale (248) 545-0222 ferndaleschools.org/fcc	Highland (248) 889-0410 goodwilldetroit.org	Novi (248) 926-1820 goodwilldetroit.org
Oak Park (248)-691-8437 oakparkcareercenter.org	Oakland County MICHIGAN WORKS!	Pontiac (248) 276-1777 oakland.k12.mi.us/ careers/ joblink.htm
Southfield (248) 796-4580 Cityofsouthfield.com/ careercenter	Troy (248) 823-5101 troymichiganworks.com	Waterford (248) 682-3417 waterford.k12.mi.us/ careers

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Oakland County Veterans Services

Oakland County Veterans' Services helps veterans and their families obtain and maintain all veterans related benefits from federal, state, and local government agencies.

E-mail: veterans-services@oakgov.com
Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/OakGov.VS

Veterans Employment Specialists

State of Michigan Veteran Employment Specialists are located in most Michigan Works! offices. These employment services professional are available to assist veterans and eligible spouses in need of additional help in securing appropriate employment.

E-mail: http://www.mitalent.org/ceteran-employment-specialist/ Facebook: http://facebook.com/MIVeteranServices

Equal Opportunity Employer/Program

Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

TTY 711 or (800) 649-3777

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The Key to Career Success Campaign

www.careeronestop.org/MilitaryTransition

The Key to Career Success Campaign connects veterans and transitioning service members with high quality career planning, training and job search resources available at local One-Stop Career Centers. It brings together five online tools into a single site to assist veterans transitioning into civilian occupations and provides information on training and job search resources available at local One-Stop Career Centers.

- Matching Military experience to Civilian occupations
- Getting Military Credentials, Certifications and Licenses
- Writing a Resume
- Disabled/Injured Veterans' Resources
- Finding Local Services

Oakland County Michigan Works!

OaklandCountyMIWorks.org

Michigan Works is your one-stop site for employment and training help after your military service. It offers resources and services to help you with your job search including:

- Resume Writing Assistance
- Assessment
- Career Development
- Tuition Assistance
- Job Placement Assistance

Other Veterans' Resources

Michigan Veterans Services Hotline
MI Talent Connect
Employment and Training Services (VETS)

1-800-455-5228 www.mitalent.org/veteran/ www.dol.gov/vets

Assess Your Skills and Abilities

Assess your skills and abilities to identify transferable skills (non job-specific skills) related to your military experience. For example: Military personnel make excellent leaders, once given a specific task, because they are decisive, resourceful, perform well under pressure and are great teamplayers.



Develop Your Job Search Materials

Professional, current job search materials (resumes, cover letters, references, portfolios, etc.) are imperative to career success. While developing these documents, consider the following:

- Focus on what the employer wants. What skills, experience and education are they looking for? How can you show your abilities through your military experience, as well as other parts of your life, to make the employer want you?
- Remove jargon, military acronyms or phrases a civilian employer would not understand.
- What skills made you good in your military position? Think about characteristics that you possess that made you good at what you did. Find military-friendly employers and apply for a position with them.
- Develop stories to communicate your strengths. Think of 4-5 stories you can tell
 in a minute or two that demonstrates how you rise to challenges. Focus on
 positive stories which explain what you learned, how you solved a problem,
 how you led a team, etc.
- Network with business professionals, friends, families, former co-workers, etc.
 Networking has the highest success rate for finding employment, so stay connected because you never know where an opportunity will come from.