



Joining Forces

Your Patriot Placements Bulletin

UNITING VETERANS WITH EMPLOYERS IN THE AMERICAN WORK FORCE

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Veteran Spotlight

Joining Forces provides employers with a first-hand look at veterans who have exceptional skills and are seeking positions that match their unique qualifications.



Louis Jackson
U.S. Navy
Honorable Discharge
October 31, 2009
20 years of service

Education: Master's,
Organizational
Leadership, Argosy

University; **Bachelor's**, Technical Management, DeVry University; **Associate's**, System Administrator, DeVry University.

Employment areas of interest: Operations Manager; Area Manager; Academic Services Administrator; Security Specialist; Administrator Officer.

Location: Florida (Sarasota, Bradenton, Orlando); South Carolina (Columbia).

Please share and help Louis find a new career! Contact carmelita@patriotplacements.org for Louis' complete resume.

Join Our Team

Job Openings

- Office Manager
- Business Development Associate

Job preference will be given to veterans and spouses.

Volunteer Opportunities

- Donor Relations Assistant
- Human Resources Assistant
- Human Resources Associate

For more information, visit our Job Board: www.patriotplacements.org/jobs/#/job

Community Events

Sponsor & Venue Needed for RWB Party

Patriot Placements is looking for a sponsor and venue for this summer's Red, White and Blue Party, a celebration of our nation's birth and the freedoms that veterans help us enjoy. Proceeds support the mission and services of Patriot Placements. School supplies are collected at the event and donated to the Homeless Education Assistance Resource Team, Broward County Public Schools. Patriot Placements will provide the sponsor with placements on all marketing materials; one month of exposure on our social media (Facebook, Twitter, and Linked In); logo placement on our website home page with a link to your website for one month; logo placement on our invitations; two email blasts to our contact list; and three minutes to speak at the event. Photos taken at the event will be posted on social media and provided to local media. The venue sponsor will provide one complimentary glass of wine, beer or liquor; complimentary appetizers; and a semi-private or private area. For more information, contact carmelita@patriotplacements.org.

Veterans & Employers Benefit at Job Readiness Boot Camp

Patriot Placements hosted a Veteran Job Readiness Boot Camp on February 2 to connect former military personnel with HR professionals for one-on-one resume, job search and interviewing consultations. The event was an overwhelming success for veterans, as well as employers. Attendees received feedback, tips and tools to help them confidently approach and secure a job opportunity. Hiring managers gained a first-hand perspective on the qualities they may be overlooking when sourcing and recruiting employees. Many employers are in unfamiliar territory when interpreting a veteran's resume. However, the bottom line is that veterans are adaptable, intuitive, mission-focused, respectful of policies and chain-of-command, and critical thinkers and decision-makers – qualities they'll carry with them to the civilian workforce. Veterans may not have the abilities and skills needed for a specific position, but on-the-job training, together with their specialized skill set, could make hiring a veteran one of the smartest decisions a company could make.

Volunteer Spotlight



Brian Karsen began his legal career as a Public Defender in the Ninth Judicial Circuit in Florida. He represented hundreds of indigent clients in criminal matters, including first degree felony cases punishable by up to life in prison. While serving in the

Public Defender's Office, Brian represented a client featured on the national television program "America's Most Wanted" and the trial was featured on an episode which aired in 2001. Today, Brian is a partner in the firm of Barnett, Lerner, Karsen, Frankel & Castro, P.A., which largely represents civilian contract workers assisting U.S. military operations abroad. Because of his experience in this specialized area of law, he is familiar with the vocational issues that our nation's veterans face when transitioning to the civilian workforce. Brian was introduced to Patriot Placements after meeting Carmelita Resh, Patriot Placements founder and CEO, through a mutual friend. Coincidentally at that time, he had been exploring volunteer opportunities at various non-profit organizations. "The timing was perfect, and it seemed a natural fit for what I was looking for and that I had experience and skills as a part of my law practice that went to the core of their mission," Brian explains. "I'm most proud of being a member of an organization that is simply focused on helping people and, specifically, veterans. There are times when people need some help and it is rewarding to be a part of an organization that can provide that help and positively impact people's lives."

Coming Soon

In our next issue of *Joining Forces*, we will share details about our exciting new initiative, Patriot Placements Recruiting Program.

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