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Greetings and Happy Holidays from the AMVETS Career Center:

We hope the start to your holiday season is going well.

Attention Mindleader Users:

Effective March 17th, 2010, the Mindleaders courseware minimum system requirements will be Adobe Flash Player 10. Please update your flash player by going to <http://get.adobe.com/flashplayer> to ensure you will still have access to your courses.

Department of Labor's Occupational Outlook Handbook:

Ever wanted to know more about what someone does in a particular job? Ever wondered if the job market for career field you are considering is growing or shrinking? Need to know the average wage/slary information for a job? The Department of Labor's Occupational Outlook Handbook can answer all these questions and more. For hundreds of different types of jobs—such as [teacher](#), [lawyer](#), and [nurse](#)—the *Occupational Outlook Handbook* tells you:

- the training and education needed
- earnings
- expected job prospects
- what workers do on the job
- working conditions

In addition, the *Handbook* gives you [job search tips](#), links to [information about the job market in each State](#), and [more](#). Visit the [Handbook](#) today and check out your career field or one you are considering.

It's A Brave New World For Transitioning Soldiers Looking For Work

Whether you just got out of the service or are staring to think about your next steps after military life, online job hunting is the most efficient way to find your new career. There are many new search tools and online job resources available; waiting for the classifieds in the Sunday paper is old news. Perhaps you have already dabbled in online job searches and social networking. However, there are still some tips and tricks to getting the most of your online job seeking efforts.

Here are some tips and resources to get you started:

- **Start with The Basics:** Set up a professional email with GMail or your own hosted domain. Try and grab yourname@gmail.com if it's available.
- **Look in All Available Places:** In today's landscape, there are job boards, social networks and communities for every industry, every niche and every brand. Find these specialized job boards and communities and look for people to connect with, companies that you relate to and opportunities to explore. For example, The Employment Guide has set up niche sites in Transportation, Healthcare and Older workers to make this process easier for job seekers.
- **Use Automation Tools:** Set up things like job alerts and Google alerts to create feeds that bring the jobs to you. This will make the most effective use of your time.
- **Promote Yourself:** Use these social media tools to promote yourself in a positive light. Do you have videos of presentations or pictures of things you have built, awards you have won? If so, showcase this on your profiles, start a blog or bring them onto the networks. This will give recruiters a great sense of who you are and what you can do for their company.
- **Get Offline:** We can get caught up in the ease of tools like Google and Job Boards, however physical meetings and networking events can still play a major role in returning to a civilian job. Try sites like Meetup, Eventful and Upcoming to find events in your area that relate to your likes and interests.

For more information about transforming from the soldier's life to civilian employment, please be sure to pick up a copy of the Veteran's Transition Guide at your local AMVETS Career Center or at a military base near you.

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LinkedIn Groups to Join!

We hope you have all joined the online social network LinkedIn that is specially for those seeking professional connections (see [last month's Career Center newsletter](#)). Here are a list of groups to consider joining on LinkedIn:

- **[Hire Military](#)**: This group is designed specifically for executives, hiring managers and human resource professionals looking to hire candidates separating from the United States Military. Network to identify resources, tools and candidates. *(they also have lots of great tips for resumes and what employers should be looking for in a vet that would be helpful to a vet seeking work; the "inside scoop" if you like).*
- **[Recruit Veterans Employment Network](#)**: Recruit Veterans Employment Network is a network of military veterans and their spouses who are either seeking employment or looking to hire military veterans.
- **[Hire Green](#)**: Prior Military and Cleared candidates looking for employment. Employers and Defense Contractors looking for the right person. Hire Green is the company that finds the right match for your requirements.
- **[Hire America's Heroes](#)**: Hire America's Heroes brings together Fortune 1000 corporations to share their best practices for sourcing, recruiting, hiring, onboarding, supporting and retaining America's transitioning military service members and veterans in their workforces.

We'd like to hear from you! Found a great job search site and would like to share it others? Would like to take another Mindleader Courses? Have other social networking site to recommend? Please let know how we might best help you reach your career goals!

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