

Military Spouse Employment Manual



While the military will always throw a monkey wrench in any best-laid plans, your career doesn't have to be one of them. Military spouses are making a go of their dream jobs across a wide range of fields. **You can too, by following these critical steps:**

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STEP 1: Look for the Right Job.

- Many spouses participate in spouse-preferential hiring problems, which can help you find a job [at your installation](#), [in a company](#) or [with the government](#), and get a leg up over other candidates.
- Look to [work remotely](#) or launch [a business](#). An increasing number of organizations are including these flexible jobs to retain talent.

STEP 2: Use Your Resources.

- Looking to craft your resume to best showcase your potential? [Start here](#).
- Trying to write a resume even when you don't have much experience? Start with [this advice](#).

For even more help, head to your local installation. All branches have resources to help you launch your job search and get your job-hunting ducks in order. Find our rundowns for your branch here: [Air Force](#), [Army](#), [Coast Guard](#), [Marine Corps](#) and [Navy](#).

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Military spouses are primed to do one business activity better than just about anyone else: network. And networking is how you're going to find, get and keep a job as a military spouse. And when you [PCS](#), it'll be how you do it again.

Networking by any other name is just being friendly, and you do that with every move already. Learn how to leverage those skills for a job.

First, you'll need how to learn how to turn that stranger you've just met into a [career connection](#). Then, you'll need to learn how to move from a simple connection to something more -- to actually sit down and talk or, in business parlance, "[take a meeting](#)."

You'll also need to figure out how to [do all of this online](#) so that you can get a headstart on making connections at your new duty station before you even PCS.

For some spouses, this is easy. For others, it's more difficult. If you're working in a very narrow, specific field, you might find networking in your industry from inside the confines of the military community to be even harder -- but we've even [got a plan for that](#).

STEP 4: Take Advice From Someone Who Has Done It.

No matter what you do or want to do, nothing is as helpful as listening to the advice of other military spouses who have been there, done that. By listening to their stories and experiences, you'll be able to see how their actions can be replicated or used in your own job search.