



DISCOVERED BY CHANCE, PROVEN BY RESULTS: **How a Targeted VETJOB Virtual Career Fair Helped Translate Experience into Opportunity**

Opening Testimonial

I would recommend the VETJOB career fair for all veterans and those transitioning out of the active-duty realm this was by far the best decision I could have made. It should be provided as one of the resources when members are looking for jobs. I just happened to find this by chance searching on LINKDIN not by anything provided when I was transitioning out of the military.



Role + Alignment with Your Experience

I accepted a Senior Supply Chain Expeditor role with Leslie Controls, where I serve as the lead point of contact for supplier delivery performance and material flow execution. The position focuses on driving supplier accountability, managing delivery risks, and ensuring that critical materials are available to support production schedules.

This role aligns closely with my experience in the Air Force, where I managed supply chain operations in high-tempo environments, including tool control, asset accountability, and mission-critical logistics support. My military background required strong coordination across maintenance, logistics, and leadership teams to ensure operational readiness—skills that directly translate into managing supplier performance, resolving constraints, and maintaining visibility across the supply chain.

Additionally, the leadership and discipline developed throughout my military career allow me to take a proactive approach to problem-solving, risk mitigation, and team collaboration, all of which are essential in this role.

Challenges Translating Military Experience

One of the biggest challenges I faced was translating military terminology and experience into language that resonates with civilian employers. In the military, many of the responsibilities—such as logistics management, asset accountability, and operational readiness—are directly applicable to the private sector, but they're often described very differently.

Another challenge was ensuring that hiring managers understood the scale and complexity of what I managed. For example, overseeing millions of dollars in assets or supporting mission-critical operations doesn't always translate clearly on paper without proper context.

I also found that aligning my experience with specific job titles and requirements in the civilian workforce required additional effort, especially when roles didn't directly mirror military positions. It took refining my resume and learning how to communicate my experience in terms of business impact, efficiency, and measurable results.

Vet Jobs Career Fair Experience

What stood out most about the Vet Jobs career fair was how intentionally it was designed for veterans and military-affiliated candidates. Unlike traditional career fairs, where you often must explain or translate your background, the employers participating already understood the value of military experience.

The environment felt more targeted and meaningful, with opportunities that aligned closely with my skill set and career goals. I also appreciated the direct connection to employers who are actively seeking veteran talent, which made the conversations more productive and relevant.

Overall, it provided a more streamlined and supportive experience compared to other job search efforts, and it helped bridge the gap between my military background and civilian career opportunities.



Looking for your next role?

Contact Angie Fair, Senior Director of Strategic Partnerships, to learn about our upcoming career fairs.

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