

PROGRAM FOR PREPARING THE U.S. MILITARY FOR PROJECT MANAGEMENT CAREERS

Background

The men and women of the United States Armed Forces have served our country well. Over past decades, these men and women have demonstrated selfless service and faced a multitude of challenges during their personal transitions. Almost 350,000 personnel transition from active military service to veteran status each year¹. These highly qualified men and women are seeking civilian careers, but are either unaware of the jobs available or unable to translate their military experience into something meaningful to civilian employers.

PMI believes that service members and veterans have already performed project and program management, just utilizing military methods and terminology. Through PMI's "Program for Preparing U.S. Military for Project Management Careers", chapters can assist military personnel and veterans in obtaining rewarding civilian jobs, while enabling the civilian work force with high quality project professionals.

Mission

PMI's goal with this initiative is to aid veterans, active duty military, Guard, Reserve, and their families to:

Join — Candidates who join PMI and their local chapter immediately become part of an active and supportive community of project professionals.

Qualify — Through PMI and local chapter membership, candidates gain access to professional development opportunities that help them prepare for a project management certification and search for a civilian job.

Certify — All of PMI's certifications are approved for reimbursement under the GI Bill. Globally recognized and in demand by employers, PMI certification further supports the individual in their career development.

Place — Through mentorship from fellow PMI members, candidates receive the advice and support they need to take the next step in their career transition. Additionally, PMI's job board offer extensive career support.



JOINING FORCES

TAKING ACTION TO SERVE
AMERICA'S MILITARY FAMILIES

PMI is a proud supporter of the White House Administration's inspiring initiative known as Joining Forces. The Joining Forces program is a non-partisan national initiative led by the White House in support of service members, veterans and their families. The initiative is intended to mobilize public and private sectors to ensure that these individuals have the tools and resources they need to succeed throughout their lives.

Benefits

Participation in PMI's Program for Preparing the U.S. Military for Project Management Career provides many benefits to both the local chapter and the military service members and veterans:

For chapters the program offers the opportunity to:

- Provide support for the military population and their families
- Strengthen community relationships
- Broaden the diversity of the chapter membership and volunteers

For military service members and veterans the program offers:

- Membership in a global professional organization
- Training and educational resources to support their career development
- Certification application assistance and exam preparation for all certifications
- Access to PMI's career services and job board

Start Today

The program is open to all U.S. chapters. Participation is voluntary and the program is designed for chapters to lead and customize for their individual market. Guidelines and expectations for participating chapters can be found in the chapter playbook available on the PMI marketing portal and include:

1. Attendance at a training webinar for full program details.
2. Creation of a Military Liaison position and appointment of a volunteer to serve in this capacity.
3. Development of a certification preparation process for service members and veterans. PMI strongly suggests a no- or low-cost pricing structure to reduce barriers to entry.

Many chapters have already discovered the value of reaching out to and assisting the military population. Currently over 40 chapters are in the planning stages or have created a Military Liaison position within their chapter. PMI encourages those chapters to continue their successful outreach programs already working.

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

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Would this program be of value to the local chapter and current membership?

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Are there volunteers in the chapter available to support the program?

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Does the chapter have a budget available for the program? Though start-up costs are minimal, the chapter may want to ensure funds are available for any supporting materials that need to be created.