



Transitioning Service Members



Veterans



Military Spouses

ABOUT US

The WSMTRC is a partnership between State, Federal, Military, and private organizations that collaborate on career support for veterans, transitioning service members, and military spouses.

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State & Local

Dept of Veterans Affairs, Director
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Governor’s Policy Office, Director
Dept of Commerce, Director
Military Department, Adjutant General
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Board of Comm. and Tech. Colleges, Director
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Dept of Veterans Affairs, Regional Director
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AND READINESS COUNCIL**



Naval Base Kitsap U.S.S. Stennis

WSMTRC HISTORY

The Council was established in 2013 with executive order 13-01, Veteran Transition Support. Initially, workgroups were formed around the four tracks in the Veterans Opportunity to Work (VOW) Act. That work led to several important programs, including:

- Camo2Commerce (now WorkSource JBLM)
- Veterans Industry Education (VIE-25)
- NW Edge (now Onward to Opportunity)

In 2019, Governor Inslee signed executive order 19-01, Veteran and Military Transition and Readiness Support. In addition to transition, the new EO expands the Council's mandate to supporting force readiness through service member retention and military spouse employment.

ISSUES AND PRIORITIES

In addition to support for transitioning service members and veterans, the WSMTRC has endorsed two continuing priorities:

Military Spouse Employment

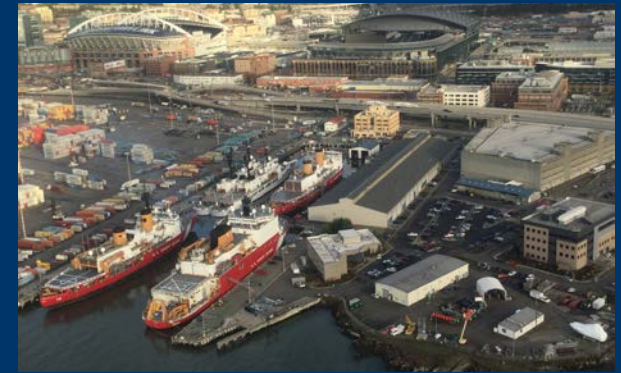
Military spouse unemployment and underemployment far outpace the national average. Household stress impacts force readiness, and results in many leaving the service. The WSMTRC spouse employment workgroup focuses on strategies for promoting military spouse careers.

Credential Portability

Veterans and military spouses report significant challenges transferring licenses and certifications. This not only holds back careers, but also negatively impacts the state economy and labor force. The WSMTRC credential portability workgroup collaborates on strategies to streamline and expedite licenses and certifications.



Fairchild Air Force Base



Coast Guard Base Seattle

COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE

The WSMTRC supports several communities where partners share best practices and collaborate on strategies.

> Employment COP

Strategies for supporting employment of transitioning service members, veterans, and military spouses.

> National Guard / Reserve COP

Strategies for supporting employment of National Guard and Reserve members and military spouses.

> Apprenticeship COP

Strategies for supporting veteran and spouse participation in apprenticeships and other career connected learning.

> Higher Education COP

Strategies for supporting veterans and spouses attending college.

> Entrepreneurship COP

Strategies for supporting veteran and spouse owned business startups.