



US Veterans Webinar Series

Session 1: Aligning Your Military Experience to Tech Career

September 2018

Welcome to the 1st
session of the
U.S. Veterans:
Navigating Your
Transition to a
Tech Career
webinar series

- Use the Q and A panel to ask questions.
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U.S. Veterans Series: Navigating Your Transition to a Tech Career



- Session 1: Aligning Your Military Experience to Tech Careers
- Session 2: Exploring Tech Career Options for Veterans, 19 September
- Session 3: Gaining Employment in the Tech Industry, 20 September

Access Series @ <http://bit.ly/transition2tech>

Today's Host

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With youngest
Congressional Medal of
Honor recipient, Kyle
Carpenter

Our Rock Star Panel Today

Seann Ritzman

US Army, Retired
Customer Support Engineer & Vets ERO
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Chris Hall

Retired Army
Program Manager
Cisco Systems



Sharalyn Saliger

US Army, Retired
Director, Operations Management and
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Agenda

- 1 Introduction
- 2 Veteran Panel Discussion
- 3 Next Steps
- 4 Q&A



Today's Goals

Inform



Inspire



Engage



An estimated 200,000+ service members transition out of the military each year.

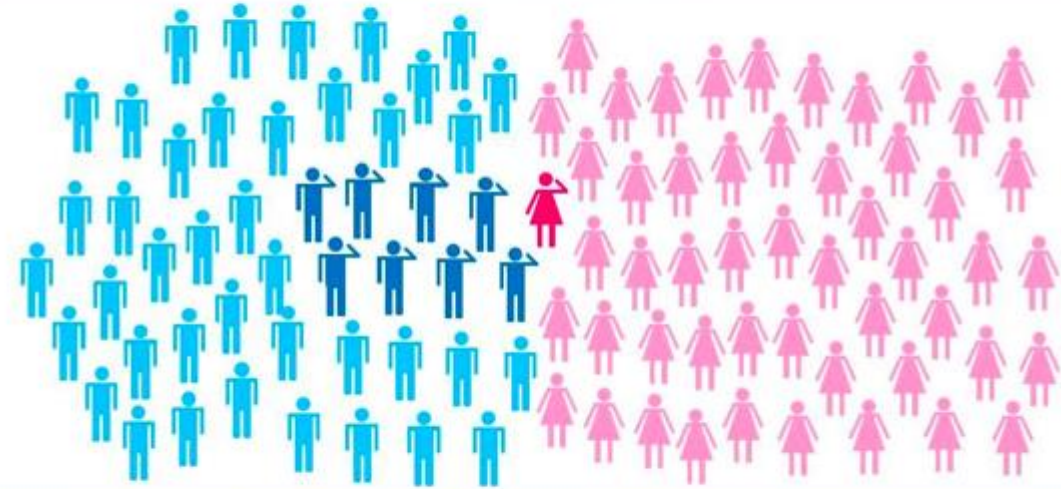
Each transition is unique...

What's your journey?

Spotlight on Veterans

9% of Americans are Veterans
(Approx. 21 Million)

Of 100 adults in the overall population:



8 are male veterans

1 is a woman veteran

40 are male nonveterans

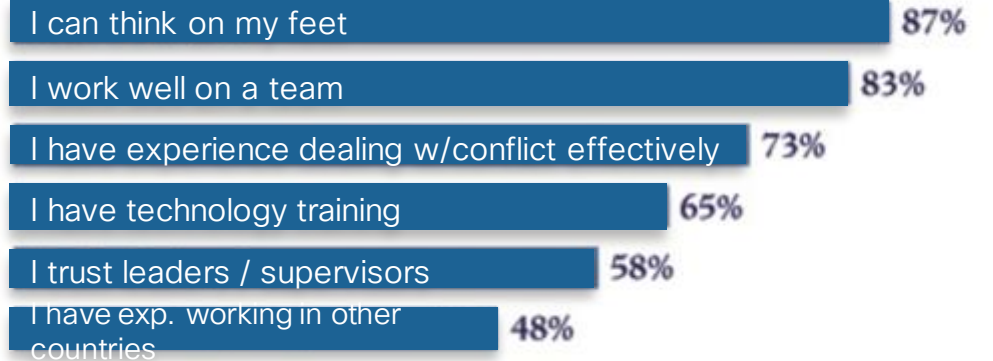
51 are women nonveterans

U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2016 Current Population Survey, Annual Averages, Unpublished Tables (Calculations done within WVP)

VETERANS' BIGGEST CHALLENGES IN FINDING WORK

- 1 Finding a work environment in which they feel comfortable.
- 2 Knowing what kind of jobs to apply for.
- 3 Getting people to understand how their military experience translates to civilian work.
- 4 Knowing where to begin, including how to write a résumé and where to look for a job.

HOW VETERANS VIEW THEMSELVES AS WORKERS



Many are challenged with finding meaningful work



3.7%

Vet Unemployment
(Total in 2017)

Compared to 4.0% for non-vets



7.4%

Vet Unemployment
(25-34 yr olds)

Source: BLS 2017

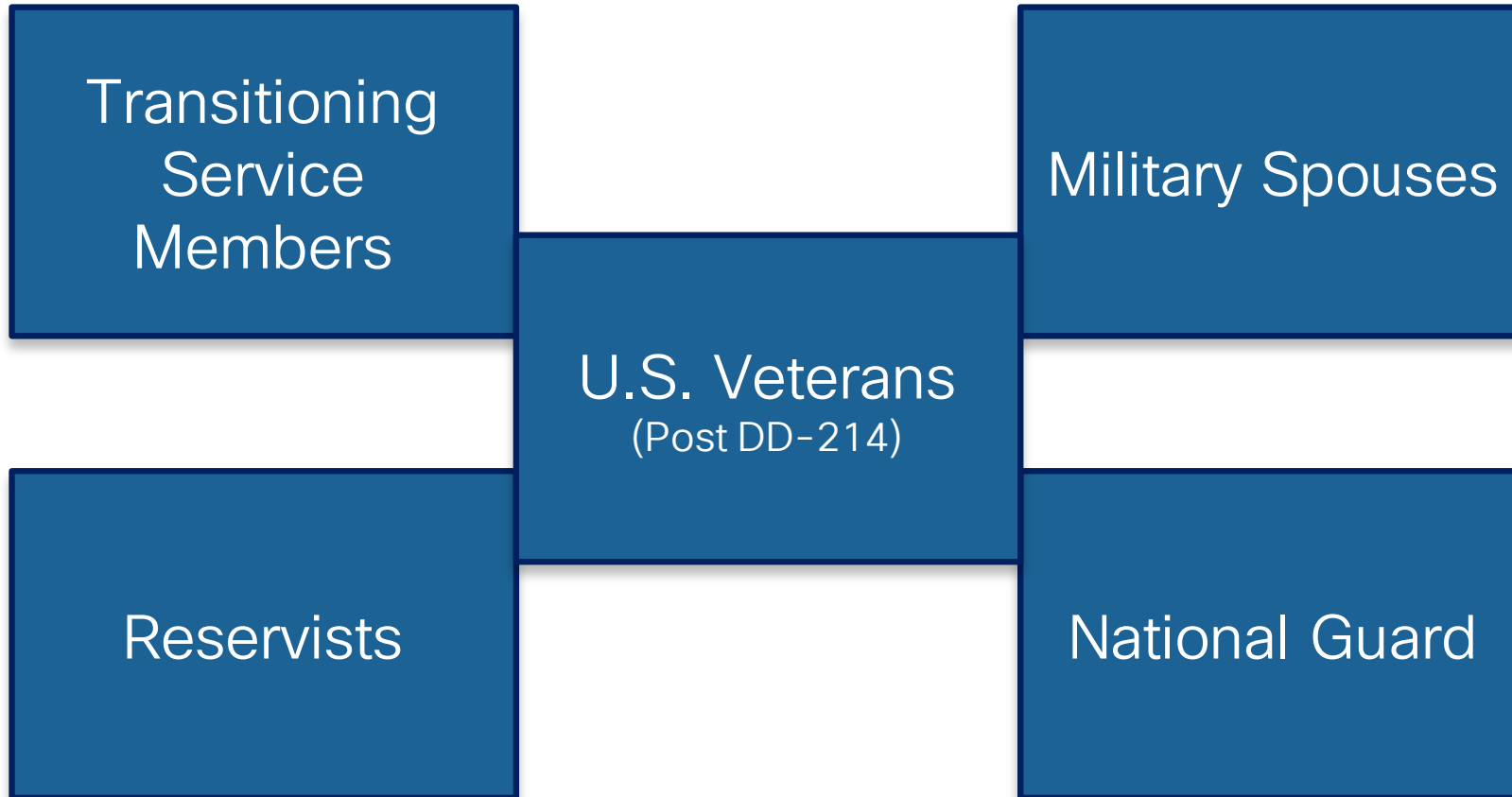


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Who We Serve...



Veteran Panel

Chris Hall
Cisco

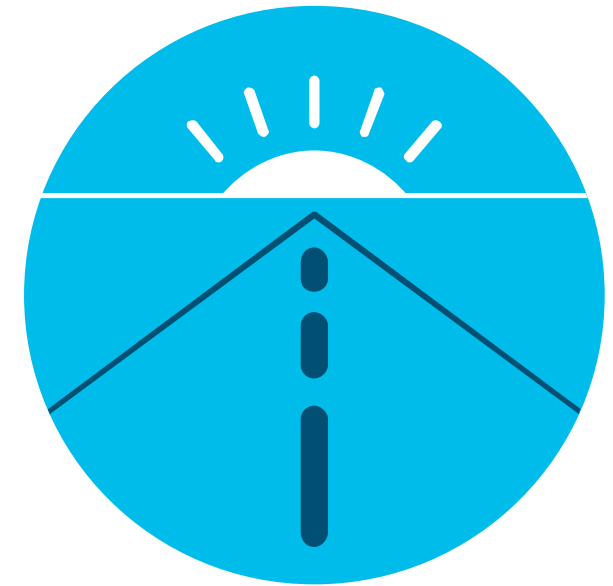
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Next Steps

- Attend Sessions 2 & 3 of Webinar Series
- Check out Veteran Transition Resource Guide (to be sent to participants after the series)
- Questions? [vet-connection@cisco.com](mailto:veter-connection@cisco.com)



Questions?



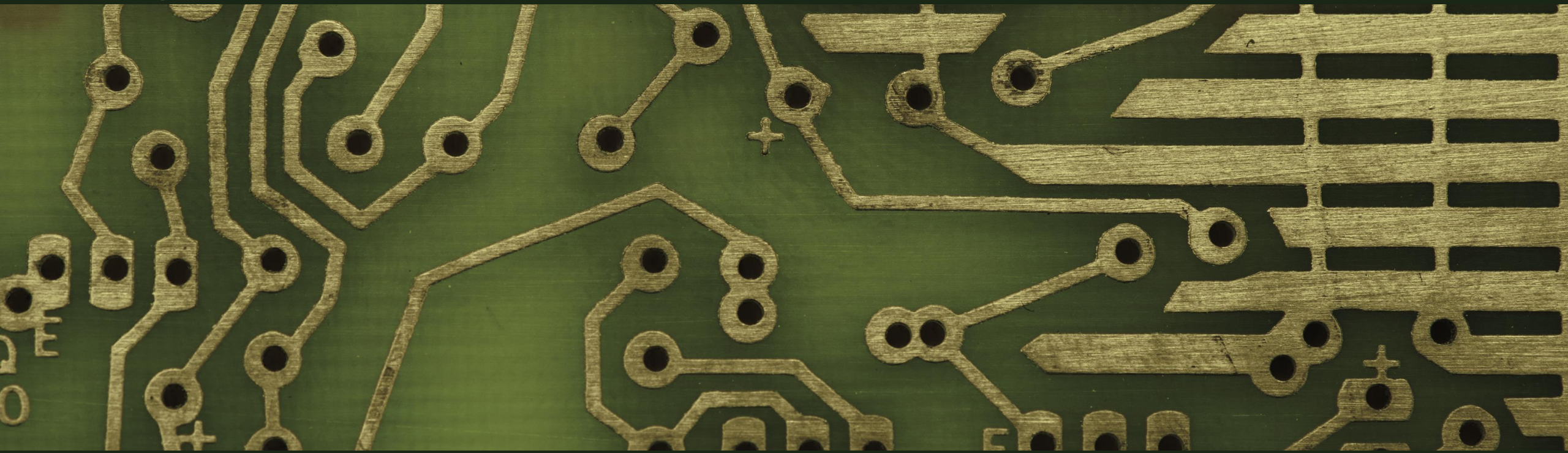
NEXT SESSION:

Exploring Tech Career Options for Veterans



19 September – 7:00 A.M. PT

Register at: <http://bit.ly/transition2tech>



Thank you.

