

Soldier For Life - Our Commitment to You

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Soldier For Life is the Army's commitment to our team



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With Retiree Appreciation Day coming up this month and Veterans Day right around the corner, I'd like to take an opportunity to thank all of those who served, are still serving or will serve our Nation through military service. You are what makes our Nation strong and I thank you for your selfless service and for you and your family's sacrifices.

I'd also like to remind you about the Soldier For Life program, what it is, and how you can take advantage of the programs, seminars and more, here at Carlisle Barracks.

The Soldier For Life mindset is a holistic approach to the military life cycle career of a Soldier. We want to take care of teammates by ensuring Soldiers start strong, serve strong, and reintegrate strong so they remain Army Strong serving their communities after they leave the Army.

The Chief of Staff of the Army created the Soldier For Life office to enable Army, government and community efforts to facilitate successful reintegration of our Soldiers, veterans, and their families in order to keep them Army Strong and instill their values, ethos and leadership within communities.

At Carlisle Barracks we assist transitioning service members in a variety of ways. One of the most visible are the Soldier For Life-Transition Assistance Programs, a 5-day workshop hosted by Army Community Service, Employment Readiness Employment Manager. As part of the workshop there are presentations made by the Department of Veterans Affairs, Pennsylvania Job Service, Veterans Employment Representative and the Career Link.

In the last year, Carlisle Barracks has hosted seven workshops with more than 400 attendees. Due to increased

demand, we will be offering 12 seminars starting January 2016. For more information contact Jeffrey Hanks at 245-3684 or register at <http://carlislebarracks.carlisle.army.mil/MWR/ACSEventRegistration.cfm>.

This program is for all service members and family members who are retiring or who will be ETS'ing in the next two years. Information on the civilian job market and military career alternatives will be discussed along with following topics:

- Unemployment Compensation
- Stress Management
- Analyzing your Skills
- Preparing the Right Resume
- Interviewing
- V.A. Educational
- Vocational Rehabilitation Benefits (to include completion of V.A. Forms)
- State Employment Applications
- Army Community Service Resource Center
- Employer Panel
- SBA Boots to Business Entrepreneur track
- Educational Track
- Career Technical Track

Also, available as part of the programs for Soldiers is our ACS Employment Readiness Program. The program aims to assist families with the challenges associated with the job search, particularly as they are impacted by the Army's mobile lifestyle. Carlisle Barracks ERP provides a full range of information and referral services and assistance in the areas of employment, training and volunteer opportunities. The services are designed to give all active duty, retired military personnel, DoD employees, and their Family members the competitive edge necessary to secure employment. For more information contact Jeffrey Hanks at 245-3684.

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What we want you to know is that the Carlisle Barracks community is here to support you, no matter what point you are in your career. Please take advantage of these resources and let us know how we can improve.