**Job Search Strategies for Veterans**

**As a veteran**, you bring many skills and qualities that employers look for, but you need to present them in a way that employers can understand and appreciate. It can take about six months to find a career position, so be sure to utilize many strategies in your job search.

★ **Top five strategies:** ★

1. **Prepare**
   - Take some time to assess yourself and determine what it is you want from your job

2. **Value your Military Experience**
   - Be sure to explain your skills and qualities developed in the military in civilian-friendly terms
     - Identify transferable skills (e.g. communication skills, leadership skills, team player, flexibility, etc.)
     - Focus on achievements and areas of strength. Review military evaluations for any accomplishments you can highlight on your resume or in an interview
     - Utilize O*Net’s My Next Move for Veterans (www.mynextmove.org/vets). Enter your MOC or MOS and review the resulting list of tasks and responsibilities that reflect your military experience

3. **Improve your Job Search Paperwork**
   - Utilize the UCI Division of Career Pathways through workshops, Drop-In Advising, and one-on-one counseling appointments. Pick up copies of our helpful job search handouts and guides.

4. **Network with Everyone!**
   - Networking is frequently cited as the best method to land a job or internship. Use your military connections, social media sites, informational interviews, volunteering, and other methods where you interact with others.

5. **Target Your Search**
   - Use resources that are already military-friendly. Check out veteran-friendly employers on military.com and the Top 100 Military Friendly Employers!

★ **Stay Positive!** ★

The job search process is stressful, but there are many employers who are looking for the skills YOU developed during your time in the military!