

# MILITARY

## Transitioning Military Service Members into Restaurant Jobs & Careers

The Foundation works with all branches of the U.S. military to help servicemen and women transition their skills and experience into restaurant and foodservice jobs and careers. The program is designed help members of the military community and their families seamlessly enter the industry's workforce and reduce veteran unemployment.

In addition to career development, the Foundation's travelers program inspects and reviews land- and sea-based military foodservice installations around the world. Following a rigorous ranking process, the best foodservice operations are recognized at a special awards ceremony hosted during the National Restaurant Show in Chicago.

### KEY STATS:

- 250,000 service members separate from the U.S. military each year
- Veterans make up 5.4% of the workforce and 2.8% of the restaurant industry workforce
- 14% of veterans working in restaurants hold management positions vs 8% of non-veterans

### PROGRAM BENEFITS:

- The Foundation educates service members on a variety of jobs and careers available to them across the industry and conducts training through mentoring roundtables, workshops and educational sessions led by industry leaders
- The Foundation hosts an exclusive week-long training event for military personnel from around the globe to participate in hands-on culinary instruction, interactive seminars and mentoring sessions to build culinary skills
- In 2018, the Foundation became a partner with the Department of Defense's Military Spouses Employment Partnership to create employment opportunities for military spouses
- The Foundation recruits volunteer industry professionals to act as Civilian Military Travelers to visit military installations around the globe and evaluate dining facilities for food quality, food safety, cost effectiveness and general operating procedures

### GET INVOLVED:

To find out how you can support the Foundation's Military program, visit [ChooseRestaurants.org/Military](https://ChooseRestaurants.org/Military)

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