

THE NEXT CHAPTER OF SERVICE: ★

Preparing Military Service Members for Transition and Providing Pathways into the Hospitality Industry

The National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation (NRAEF) supports active duty, guard, and reserve military members, military spouses, dependent children, and veterans through their transition from military service to civilian careers. By working with all branches of the U.S. military, the NRAEF provides programs that assist with skills development and transferable skills needed to continue civilian careers in the restaurant, foodservice, and hospitality industries.

NRAEF'S SUPPORT:

- ★ Train service members to hone their advanced culinary arts and hospitality management skill sets.
- ★ Honor service members by recognizing the best in foodservice operations through the annual Military Foodservice Awards.
- ★ Linked to apprentice employers through the RHLC.
- ★ Train service members to industry certified standards.

PROGRAM BENEFITS:

- ★ Educates service members on a variety of jobs and careers available to them across the industry and conducts training through workshops and educational sessions led by industry leaders.
- ★ Participates in the Department of Defense's Skillbridge program.
- ★ Recruits volunteer industry professionals to act as Base Evaluators to visit military installations around the globe and evaluate dining facilities for food quality, food safety, cost effectiveness, and general operating procedures.

“ My biggest *takeaway from this class was* enhancing my culinary knowledge... I get to take that back and teach that to my troops. ”

- Advanced Culinary Training Program Participant

PROGRAM FOCUS AREAS:

TRANSITIONS

DOD Skillbridge pre-apprenticeship program for military members who are interested in the hospitality industry.

GRANTS

NRAEF offers grants for Certified Restaurant Professional (CRP) to military personnel who join Military Programs.

SCHOLARSHIPS

We offer post-secondary scholarships for the restaurant and hospitality industry for military personnel, veterans, and military families.

TRAINING

Explore our training programs designed to develop the skills of our service members. These programs include the Advanced Culinary Training Program (ACTP) and the Chicago Military Management Training.



KEY STATS:

14% of people who hold management positions in the restaurant industry are veterans.

Veterans are **45%** more likely to start a small business compared to non-veterans.

6 million veteran-owned businesses nation-wide.

250,000 veterans currently work in restaurants.

How to Get Started:

Visit [ChooseRestaurants.org/Programs/Military](https://www.chooserestaurants.org/Programs/Military) to learn more about our program and partnerships or email military@nraef.org to begin your journey to a rewarding civilian career.