



**Deborah A. Kloepfel,
MSCCN Creator, President, and CEO**

An innovator in military spouse job placement services, Navy spouse Deborah Kloepfel is the Founder, President and CEO of the Military Spouse Corporate Career Network (MSCCN) and Vet Connect Jobs. Both non-profit organizations work with military family and readiness centers through Memoranda of Understanding to place military spouses, transitioning military, war wounded, and caregivers of war wounded in suitable career jobs. Kloepfel has managed a million dollar nonprofit organization for five years.

Formerly an entrepreneur of two retail for-profit operations, Kloepfel managed million dollar accounts and budgets. Early in Kloepfel's educational quest she earned an RN degree, which makes her uniquely qualified to serve the war wounded community.

Before creating MSCCN, Deborah was instrumental in the development of an award-winning military spouse magazine called "Validity." Deborah then became the first military spouse to be showcased in The Naval Reserve Association Magazine. To date, no other military spouse has graced the pages of this magazine. She initiated and took lead of a career task force called the "Partnership of Military Spouses with Corporate America." With a team of enlisted spouses, Deborah organized the first Microsoft computer-training course for military spouses. She then devised a ground-breaking quarterly Navy Reserve Ombudsman video teleconference in 10 states. Deborah facilitated a career and life-planning course on three US military installations.

Her experiences in the workforce and as a military spouse showed her the need for a bridge between existing military family centers and corporate recruiters. She envisioned a network that worked deeply inside corporate America to place military spouse applicants. Shortly after MSCCN started, Deborah saw the need to establish a separate nonprofit organization, the Pinnacle Foundation, to provide vocational training funds and job placement to war wounded and their caregivers and military spouses. She remains an active leader in both organizations. Deborah began a third organization, Vet Connect Jobs that serves U.S. Veterans at no cost in the area of employment and vocational training.

Deborah also remains active in local and national military organizations and was on the St Louis Council of Navy League 2005-06. She routinely converses with MSCCN partners National Military Family Association (NMFA), Military Officers' Association of America (MOAA), Naval Reserve Association (NRA), Naval Enlisted Reserve Association (NERA), Association of the U.S. Army (AUSA), GiJobs Magazine, and Recruit Military.

Deborah has authored numerous articles on employment and the challenges of the military lifestyle. Her recent work includes: *Preparing the Family for Your Workplace Entry*, *Do Corporations Really Want to Hire Military Spouses?*, *Virtual Office Contracting*, *Command Structure and Corporate Culture*, and *Getting a Job to Get Out of a Violent Marriage*. Deborah has also been a featured speaker at numerous conferences and has been featured in national publications including *The Wall Street Journal*, *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, the *Military Spouse Magazine*, and *GIJobs.net*. She was also highlighted in a special television news interview on KPLR TV.

On October 4, 2004, Deborah was awarded the Department of the Navy's Meritorious Public Service Award, presented by Admiral Vern E. Clark, Chief of Naval Operations, for her outstanding service to improve the quality of life of military members and their families. Deborah was next presented with an ESGR plaque on February 11, 2005 by Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX) and Mr. Bob Hollingsworth, Executive Director of the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, which that recognized the MSCCN and Concentra Inc. as "5-Star" supporters of the National Guard and Reserve. MSCCN was awarded the number one nationwide employment diversity award in November, 2008, from *The Black Military World Organization* and *The Diversity Military World Organization*. The Department of Defense presented MSCCN with this top award.

Kloeppel is currently developing a first-ever nonprofit military veteran employment program called VetConnectJobs.org that softly launched in late spring of 2009. Kloeppel now uses her skills by leading her MSCCN and Vet Connect Jobs teams to support all military families in their employment endeavors.