



**Career Management Alliance Conference**  
**Marine Corps Break Out Day**  
Training/Work Session for USMC Family Member Employment  
Specialists and Transition Assistance Managers

New Orleans, LA – April 28, 2010  
Event Report

Attendee: Stacy Bayton

On April 28, 2010, the Military Spouse Corporate Career Network (MSCCN) was given the opportunity to present our services and benefits to the Marine Corps Family Member Employment Specialists in attendance at the 2010 Career Management Alliance (CMA) Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Our presentation was given during the training session, hosted by Headquarters Marine Corps (MRRM) for all Marine Corps Personal & Family Readiness Centers, which was run in conjunction with the CMA Conference.

During this time, Stacy Bayton, MSCCN Outreach Coordinator, was able to share information about MSCCN's programs with the Family Member Employment Specialists and Transition Assistance Managers in attendance. Stacy also shared MSCCN's current and past work with military family centers on installations around the country and its goals and objectives for the 2010-2011 year.

Two of the attending installations had previously worked with MSCCN, so after Stacy presented how the MSCCN works with applicants and military family centers, she opened the floor to the representatives from MCRD Paris Island and Camp Pendleton to speak about their experiences with MSCCN. She asked each of them to talk about the good that came from the event, if there were any concerns or complaints, and how they felt these events affected their outreach to their military spouses. Both of these installations had only positive things to say about MSCCN and the event that we hosted on their base. Both also reported that after the event their family centers experienced a significant increase in the number of spouses who came into the center each week and the growth of the programs on these installations to accommodate the increased numbers. The only complaint either installation had was that they would have liked for our workshops to be two-days long instead of only one.

To wrap up the presentation, they discussed the programs on each of the installations and how MSCCN can help supplement these programs to improve outreach to the military community.

After Stacy finished, eight of the twelve Marine Corps installations requested MSCCN participation in their outreach programs. Following Stacy's presentation, Headquarters Marine Corps held a second work session for all of the employment managers concerning the changes that are occurring within all MCCS employment programs. Stacy was permitted to stay so she could better understand the changes that were occurring within the Marine Corps Community Services in regards to transition and family member employment assistance.

As indicated above, participation in these work sessions has provided MSCCN an opportunity to improve its relationship with the Marine Corps Family Member Employment and Transition Assistance Programs and, in turn, the opportunity to improve outreach to military spouses and veterans from the Marine Corps community.



This conference was not an open event, but rather a work session for these departments to discuss upcoming changes to these programs, suggestions from each installation on how to structure each new program, and any budget or program concerns. The MSCCN was one of two outside organizations who spoke during this first day of work sessions; the other was the Veterans Administration.