

NATIONWIDE VOLUNTEER CORPS

FALL 2010

MSCCN VOLUNTEER STATS

37 Total Volunteers

15 States Represented

JULY 2010:

113 Volunteer Hours

Value of Volunteer Time
= \$2,356.05

AUGUST 2010:

106.5 Volunteer Hours

Value of Volunteer Time
= \$2,220.53

SEPTEMBER 2010:

153.5 Volunteer Hours

Value of Volunteer Time
= \$3,200.48

* The dollar value of volunteer time for 2009 is estimated to be \$20.85 based on research by Independent Sector
http://www.independentsector.org/programs/research/volunteer_time.html

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST VOLUNTEERS!

Maria Bright	Jaimie Mathews
Aaron Brodniak	Doreen McKnight
Donna Buckley	Alison Reed
Milly Eminger	Autumn Rillos
Jennifer Garcia	Susan Salomone
Tajana Harris	Hande Smith
Mia Hughes	
Charlotte Lingard-Young	

Gateway Stats for the Month of September 2010

The Gateway is MSCCN's internet portal linking resumes of military-affiliated applicants with the corporate world.

455 Resumes Uploaded

1644 Jobs Posted

8029 Candidate Contacts

Networking Tip:

Email articles of interest, links, or other cool stuff of VALUE to people you've met.



THANK YOU TO OUR WRITERS!!!

Sophia Marshall's second part of her series on Federal Employment is linked [here](#).

Colleen Reed's article "Balance Your Life While Continuing Your Education" is linked [here](#).

Jaime Mathews' article "Keep Your Head Up; It's Where the Sun is" is linked [here](#).

Online Training: Before the Interview

Developed by Cachet Prescott, MSCCN Training and Development Volunteer



Click [here](#) to view the presentation on MSCCN's website.

Volunteer Happenings

- **Gada Fakhoury, Kristen Maszarose, and Sarah Williams** conducted outreach to over 200 spouse clubs worldwide.
- **Maria Bright** attended the Blue Star Families 2010 Military Family Lifestyle Survey Release, supporting “Military Family Empowerment, Wellness, and Community” on September 22, 2010 at the United States Capitol in Washington, DC.



Inside the United States Capitol

- **Tajana Harris, Vanessa Richards, Elizabeth Sawicki, Latishia Scroggins, and Ericka Stokes** teamed up to create a state-by-state guide of teaching job and credentialing resources to assist with applicants who are interested in a teaching career.
- **Elizabeth Sawicki** appeared in the *Boston Globe's* Career Makeover series. The link to her “Career Checkup” article is [here](#).



Elizabeth Sawicki

- **Aaron Brodniak and Renee Kale** have worked with countless applicants on resume reviews and suggestions.

Thank you to all our volunteers for everything you do to help further the mission of MSCCN!

MSCCN VOLUNTEERS AT MILSPOUSE JOB CLUB MEETINGS

Jacksonville, FL



Latishia Scroggins (above, left)



Milly Eminger (above, right)

Milton, FL



Kim Gordon (above, front row, second from right)

Tampa, FL



Donna Buckley (above, left) and Susan Larsen (above, second from left)

September 2010 MSCCN Volunteer of the Month

Cachet Prescott

Air Force Spouse and Former Army “Brat”

Credentials: BA, Sociology; MA, Applied Psychology, MA, Sociology

Joined MSCCN Volunteer Corps in August 2009

Cachet wrote a three-part series on successful interviewing that was published on Blue Star Families website, an article on Networking that was published on Army Wife Network, an article on Career Mentorship that appeared in fall 2010 issue of MSCCN’s Military Spouse Employment Journal (MSEJ), and created an online training tutorial on preparing for interviews that is posted to MSCCN’s website.



October 2010 MSCCN Volunteer of the Month

Milly Eminger

Navy Spouse

Joined MSCCN Volunteer Corps in August 2010

Milly attended the Recruit Military Opportunity Expo in Jacksonville, FL on August 19, 2010, the Tri-Base Job Fair on September 22, 2010, and the “Follow Your True Colors to the Work You Love” workshop presented by WorkSource on September 29, 2010. Milly also helped run Jacksonville’s September MilSpouse Job Club meeting and presented information on cover letters and assisted with resume reviews.



VOLUNTEER TO A PAID JOB

A special note from Deb Kloeppe, President and CEO of MSCCN

We here at MSCCN find out what our volunteers want and need in a paid job. We give volunteers specific duties and realistic deadlines to complete their tasks within a non-paid environment which compliments their “wish-list” of a paid job environment. The new skills they learn and the current skills they hone are then placed in their resumes which attract recruiters who hold jobs on our site (and other sites). We firmly believe that building skill sets (new and current) becomes attractive to employers. It's a fact that employers want to hire someone who's already working. The same goes for someone who's in-between jobs (job gap) who chooses to volunteer specific efforts which suits and builds their current and new skill sets, ESPECIALLY soft skills - such as honing your "people skills".

When I was laid off in 1983 at a major airline for six months, I volunteered at a Catholic retreat home. Why a retreat home? I wanted to test my marketing skills and hone my accounting skills. So I became the retreat home's marketing and accounting volunteer. Once back in the workforce I applied my newly honed skills and within 3 years, became a Senior Vice President at the same major airline. I have volunteered my skills sets EVER since – while in a paid job. Nothing beats learning a new skill set inside a business infra-structure in which you work and learn at your own pace – such as a volunteer does.

The secret sauce: keep moving in a forward fashion when filling the job gaps with TARGETED non-paid work. The MOST successful people I know are those who never sit still in the job market whether paid or non-paid.

“Giving back for those gifts you have been given is to volunteer your own time, resources, or abilities so that others may also move forward.”

- Byron Pulsifer

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