



***Rasmussen College Community Career Fair
Seven Springs Golf and Country Club, New Port Richey, FL
August 19, 2010***



Top Left: Emily Burton, MSCCN Outreach Coordinator
Top Right: Emily Burton, MSCCN, providing information to Bob Mussoni, MSCCN Candidate.

Overview: MSCCN was invited to participate in the Rasmussen College Community Career Fair, held at Seven Springs Golf and Country Club in New Port Richey, FL on August, 19, 2010. The event provided a great opportunity to provide information to the Pasco County community.

The Rasmussen College Community Career Fair was from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and had a steady flow of candidates coming through the doors and to the MSCCN table. Many of the candidates will soon be graduating and were seeking information on how to pursue their career goals. The career fair was not specifically for military-affiliated applicants; MSCCN attended to reach applicants who might not be familiar with military resources. The event also was an opportunity to network with local recruiters in attendance and to educate them on the benefits of military-affiliated applicants. Of the numerous attendees we spoke to, 11 were military-affiliated and provided contact information for assistance from MSCCN. One of the candidates was in the U.S. Army Reserves, and said "I will be passing on this information to five others who I know are currently looking for employment." There were many attendees stopping by for information who were not military-affiliated. Since they were not eligible for service they either took information for someone they knew or to see if they could volunteer in the future.

While at the career fair, the MSCCN representative made contact with recruiters and/or representatives of various businesses and organizations. Companies were curious about MSCCN's mission and after learning about MSCCN services, many provided business cards and expressed an interest in building a relationship with MSCCN and the candidates we assist. Companies included Aflac, Mary Kay, and ProTech; each discussed how a position with their company might be beneficial to a military spouse citing flexibility of the positions and the ability to become portable. One recruiter we spoke with provided MSCCN with the contact information for an organization called Sand Soldiers of America, started by Sheriff Bob White in Pasco County, FL to provide assistance to the younger veterans returning from Kosovo, and later Iraq and Afghanistan.

Overall this job fair was a success! Providing useful information to the Pasco County community and extending assistance to military-affiliated attendees with their job search efforts. Also, many of the recruiters shared their enthusiasm for the MSCCN mission and services provided, including the MSCCN MilSpouse Job Club.

MSCCN Attendee: Emily Burton

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