



**MSCCN Job Club – Tampa Region
May Meeting
University of Phoenix Westshore Campus, Tampa, FL
May 27, 2010
Event Report**

Attendees: Emily Burton and Susan Larsen (MSCCN Volunteer)



From left to right: Donna Buckley, Susan Larsen (MSCCN Volunteer),
Carmenza Jaramillo-Akers (Military Education Liaison, University of Phoenix), Sofia Rivera

The first meeting of the MSCCN Job Club – Tampa Region was a great success, despite small attendance numbers. Those in attendance were Emily Burton (MSCCN Outreach Coordinator), Susan Larsen (MSCCN Volunteer), Donna Buckley, Sofia Rivera, and Carmenza Jaramillo-Akers, Military Education Liaison for the University of Phoenix. With the assistance of Carmenza, the meeting was held at the University of Phoenix Westshore Campus. Leading up to this meeting a scheduled conference call with job club participants took place on May 25th, to reconnect with participants from the May 11th “Own The Ground You WALK On” workshop held at MacDill AFB, Tampa, FL, and to gain momentum going into this meeting.

Held in a more casual discussion format, this meeting began with the topic of “Organizing Your Job Search” and what this topic meant to each of us. We then expanded to how it was an umbrella topic for so many other aspects to have a successful job search. This spilled into discussion of other related topics such as resumes and cover letters, strategic volunteering, training and workshops, and interviewing. Many of these points of discussion linked back to networking skills.

The majority of the meeting was spent discussing “The Art of Networking.” Donna brought up good points about challenges military spouses face when it comes to networking after moving to a new area. This offered the group a chance to brainstorm ideas with Donna that might be useful to her. Susan touched on the benefits of using LinkedIn.com as a networking tool. Later, Sofia shared her networking experiences through strategic volunteering and how she hopes this will assist her with landing a job.

We finished the meeting on a high note by discussing the possibilities for future meetings. They decided that a meeting at the end of the month would be a great way to be updated on job fairs, workshops, etc. for the upcoming month. In addition, they brought up topic ideas as well as guest speakers. Sofia also announced that she knows a few additional spouses who have shown interest in attending future meetings.