



## EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVE

Assisting wounded, ill and injured Service members to identify and match their skills and experience with education and career opportunities

### About the Education and Employment Initiative (E2I)

The Education and Employment Initiative (E2I) is a collaborative effort, led by Department of Defense (DoD), with support from Federal, non-profit and private agencies, to address the synchronization, integration and possible expansion of existing education and employment support efforts for wounded, ill, and injured Service members. E2I postures the wounded, ill, and injured Service member to transition from active duty to civilian life by fine-tuning their career readiness for placement opportunities prior to transition.

#### Goals and Objectives

E2I operates with the goal of engaging wounded, ill, and injured Service members early in their recovery process to identify the skills they have, career opportunities that match those skills, and any additional skills they will need to be successful and participate in desired educational and/or employment opportunities. This DoD program is available to all wounded, ill, and injured Service members in all branches of the Military Services, as well as all components of those Services (Active, Guard and Reserve).

#### Education and Employment

E2I Regional Coordinators work with the wounded, ill, and injured Service members to determine education requirements for desired career path. These educational requirements may include formal degree programs or training, certification and licensing programs. Once identified, the Regional Coordinator works with available Base/Post Transition Services, Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), and community resources to assist the Service member in attaining their goals.

E2I Coordinators work throughout the region, building relationships with employers in various industries. By developing strategic partnerships with employers across different industries, Coordinators are better able to assist Service members by identifying career matching opportunities with an industry partner that is the best fit. Coordinators work diligently to identify local workforce trends and needed skill sets. In partnership with organizations, Coordinators can assist both the employers and Service members in making successful career decisions.

#### Our Partners and Regional Support

A partnership with the Department of Labor (DoL) provides for early access to DoL services and assistance. Additionally, a partnership with the VA allows wounded, ill, and injured Service members early access to the Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Services program to aid their recovery, transition and reintegration. E2I Regional Coordinators are working locally with employers, communities, and the Military Services to integrate education and employment resources for recovering Service members. For general information, contact the program office at [E2I.OSD@mail.mil](mailto:E2I.OSD@mail.mil).