

- The Veterans Beer Club (VBC) monthly meet ups have been going great. If anyone knows of any breweries over that way or veteran owned pubs or bars that can host 50 or so folks, then please send the recommendation to vbcorlando@gmail.com. Also join the VBC Orlando Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/582700652113369/?ref=bookmarks> to keep up with each monthly event.

- For those of you looking for new opportunities, it's always helpful to know some human resource managers (especially HR hiring managers). There's a great way to do this through attending SHRM (Society for Human Resource Managers) meetings in your area. Pretty much just Google SHRM and your closest city to find links. One of the newer military retirees in the area attended the Greater Orlando SHRM meeting in June and found out that they let one veteran stand up and spotlight themselves each month. He got a chance to put his name, story, and resume in front of about 80 HR managers that day. They also gave him a mentor from the group to assist him with resume improvements and interview preparations. That's pretty awesome. You can find out more about this group at <https://www.goshrm.org/default.aspx>. The POC to get on their meeting agenda to present yourself is Zeynep "Z" Portway from Manpower. Contact her at zeynepp@mnpr.com or 407-697-6818 (cell).

- We often see lists come out every Memorial Day and Veterans Day with discounts and freebies for veterans. A lot of those discounts are often year-round. One place to keep tabs on available consumer benefits is through this link <https://www.dealnews.com/features/Oorah-Ka-Ching-Guide-to-Military-Discounts/1114657.html>. It was shared to me by another soon-to-be military retiree. If you have an account with ID.me, then you probably see regular updates on these and other discounts as well.

- Vettix.org- If you have an ID.me account, then it is very easy to set up a vettix account. I personally use it to take advantage of attending concerts and sporting events that I probably wouldn't have attended otherwise (maybe two or three times a year on average). There have been a lot of concert tickets donated for the Tampa area these past months. Use this link to get started. <https://www.vettix.org/ref/643418>

- I also want to reinforce the use of Veterati.com if you are looking or thinking about a new opportunity in life. Veterati is possibly the easiest way for any veteran or spouse to conduct informational interviews with hundreds of other veterans and community/industry leaders who just want to help. Looking to move to a new city? Want to change careers? Not sure about what type of degree to go for? Still trying to complete your transition from the military? You can find multiple people to freely and eagerly assist you in these areas and many others. It literally takes about 5 minutes to set up your account if you have a LinkedIn profile to link it with.

o Association of the United States Army (AUSA) Sunshine Chapter: <http://www.ausa-sunshine.org/>

o Central Florida AAAA (Army Aviation Association of America aka Quad-

A): <https://www.facebook.com/cflaaaa/>

o Central Florida Marine Corps Foundation

(CFMCF): <http://www.centralfloridamarines.org/>; <https://www.facebook.com/FloridaMarines>; <https://www.linkedin.com/company/cfmcf/>

o Martin Harris Chapter of the Air Force Association: <http://www.martinharris.afaflorida.org/>

o Navy League of Central Florida: <http://cfnavyleague.org/>

There is a regular battle rhythm of events for these organizations too:

o 2nd Tuesday of odd months: Navy League social at rotating locations (see website for location updates)

o 2nd Wednesday of odd months: Navy League luncheon at Holiday Inn at 1724 North Alafaya Trail in Orlando

o 2nd Friday of every month: Quad-A social at Froggers on North Alafaya Trail in Oviedo

o 3rd Friday of every month: AUSA and CFMCF have a combined social at Bubbalou's Bar-B-Que on Challenger Parkway in the UCF Research Park

Veteran Entrepreneurs: Florida Association of Veteran Owned Businesses: <http://www.favob.net/>