

WANT TO HELP SERVICE MEMBERS WITH THEIR TRANSITION?

BECOME AN ETS SPONSOR TODAY

Join our team of ETS Sponsors and have a significant impact upon a transitioning service member and their family.

WHAT IS ETS SPONSORSHIP?

When a service member conducts a permanent change of station (PCS), they receive a 'PCS sponsor' from their new military installation. ETS sponsors strive to fill a similar role for service members as the service member prepares to exit the military and move to their post-military hometown. Sponsors possess a unique understanding of their hometown and are connected to resources. They conduct virtual sponsor sessions until the service member exits the military, focusing on specific transition goals. Post transition, sponsors meet face-to-face with the transitioned service member at Starbucks stores (free coffee and meal) or convenient locations to refine their goals.

Who Should Volunteer:

Anyone willing to give their time to assist transitioning service members.

Civilians: Becoming a sponsor provides an opportunity to serve your country and have a significant impact upon a transitioning service member and their family.

Veterans: Becoming a sponsor allows you to continue to serve your fellow comrades and their families.



Get Certified



Connect



Assist With Transition

Enroll online by visiting our website at etssponsorship.com or scan the QR Code below. Complete three virtual training sessions as part of a cohort.

You will be matched with a transitioning service member moving to your community.

Assist your transitioning service member with identified goals as they transition to the community.



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

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*Transitioning Servicemember/Veteran
And Suicide Prevention Center (TASC)*



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS *SPONSORS*

What is ETS-SP?

ETS-SP stands for the Expiration Term of Service- Sponsorship Program.

What's that?

ETS-SP is a program established in partnership with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the U.S. Army to sponsor soldiers through the transition process from military to civilian life. ETS-SP is about a personal relationship between the transitioning service member and the sponsor.

Who can be a sponsor?

Anyone- military or civilian- who cares about our service members and veterans and is willing and able to commit the time.

What does the training look like?

- Sponsors participate in three virtual training sessions, typically about 2 hours long and conducted on weeknights.
- Upon graduation, sponsors are certified and matched with a transitioning service member.
- Sponsors participate at least quarterly in one-hour virtual professional development classes, offered monthly.

What are the sponsor's responsibilities?

- Sponsors contact the Veteran at least once a week via email, text or phone.
- Sponsors meet the Veteran in person (or teleconference) at least once a month.
- Sponsors guide the Veteran in identifying goals and developing action plans to achieve these goals.
- Sponsors share their knowledge of the local area and available resources with the Veteran.
- Sponsors, who are trained and caring, make ETS-SP effective and unique in its mission.

Who will help me on this journey?

Throughout the journey with the transitioning service member, the ETS-SP leadership and regional contacts serve as a network of support for our sponsors. They provide tips on building relationships and guidance along the way. Sponsors are not alone!

For more information, contact us at www.etssponsorship.com