

ASK THE CAREER ENGINEER!

Francina R. Harrison, MSW

Q: I am a 20-year Navy veteran, I don't have a resume and I need a job, what do I do? **Bob, G. (Norfolk, VA)**

A: Well, Bob, I suggest you start at your beginning. My first recommendation is to have a professional resume, which will showcase your 20 years of varied military experience and relate those experiences to the civilian community. I understand that most retirees have access to transition workshops that can assist in your career search; use those resources. There are career development service providers in the area, who are fee based, who may help you develop "where you want to go and how you want to get there."

Second recommendation, once your resume is completed and you are satisfied with its objective and marketing potential, now its time to develop your job market. You can do this in several ways, a few suggestions are as follows: visit career resource centers (military/civilian), attend employment fairs and increase your networking skills.

If you have a question for "The Career Engineer" send an email to francina@thecareerengineers.com . Author of the book, *A Mind to Work: **The Life and Career Planning Guide for People Who ~~Want~~-Need to Work!*** For more information on Harrison & Associates, call 757-420-1109 or visit our website at www.thecareerengineers.com.