

# HAVE YOU SERVED IN THE ARMED FORCES AND ARE YOU CURRENTLY UNEMPLOYED?



**BOOTS TO BUSINESS**

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## VETERAN MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

In partnership with The Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce

## WHEN YOU WERE ON ACTIVE DUTY, DO YOU REMEMBER HELPING EACH OTHER OUT TO LEARN A NEW JOB OR GET SETTLED INTO A NEW COMMAND?

Boots to Business Veteran Mentorship Program matches you to someone in your community, often another person who served, who might be able to provide that perspective, edit that resume, or make that contact allowing you to get your next job.

And, once you get a job, you may be able to “pay it forward” working with another veteran so they can also get a job.

### WHAT IS INVOLVED?

A Mentor is not responsible for finding you a job, but to be a coach, catalyst or facilitator to achieve employment.

Participants have the following responsibilities:

- Commit to at least a three month relationship with your mentor.
- Meet with your mentor for approximately four hours per month.
- Provide feedback data to DVS.
- Consider becoming a mentor after achieving employment.

Sometimes a benefit or a government program is just not personal enough. You will be matched with someone within a short commuting distance to develop a personal face-to-face coaching relationship. You will widen your job search network and get access to someone who will talk with you as a peer.

Whether you are just now transitioning to civilian life or have been out of the military for a long time, getting a job during a time of high unemployment is difficult. This is an opportunity to reconnect with others who served for an important new mission, getting a job.

### TO GET INFORMATION ABOUT PARTICIPATING IN THIS PROGRAM

Email Carlene Arambula at [carambula@detma.org](mailto:carambula@detma.org). You must be a resident of Massachusetts, discharged from the armed forces under honorable conditions, and are currently unemployed.

The Massachusetts Department of Veterans' Services (DVS) and the Massachusetts Department of Career Services (DCS), in partnership with the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce, and other participating organizations is sponsoring this mentoring initiative.



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