

truck driver MOS would include operation, control, coordination, communication, time management and problem solving. These are skills employers seek in a host of jobs – operations, logistics, project management, sales, etc. We believe that this unleashes broader, better opportunities!

It takes about 20-30 minutes to complete a BMR profile, about the same amount of time to watch a streaming program. After that, our software works for you 24/7. As new jobs are added, you're matched to new opportunities. Plus, the BMR application automatically creates a personalized resume for you – a resume you can immediately share with BMR employer partners or other employers you approach separately.

At Bridge My Return, we work with all stakeholders to tackle Veteran unemployment and underemployment while constantly listening and building the funnel of opportunities for both our Veterans and our employers.

Building a Veteran community and pool of job opportunities

To build our Veteran community, we partner with diverse organizations, such as VA, Semper Fi, America's Fund and Western Governors University.

To build our pool of meaningful job and career opportunities, we partner with military-ready employers across a range of industries – leading companies like Northrop Grumman, Northwestern Mutual Life, CME Group, American Residential Services and Molson Coors.

The best part is that we make it free for Veterans and offer on-going resource support. It all works because the BMR technology is “bet the ranch,” bar none cutting-edge.

Our team of coders and designers are relentless, challenging themselves to drive efficiency and effectiveness in order to reach the higher standard you deserve. It's pretty simple, actually. You register and cruise through our profile-building process, and you leave with a solid resume and an open door to job opportunities across the country.

Who are we?

We are led by three entrepreneurs with business, technology and military experience. I'm the connector who opens doors to opportunity with decades of experience (the old guy); Dan is our technology guru who lives for this stuff; and Branden is a Navy Veteran and a strong and steady voice for Veteran support and advocacy.

We are passionate about our mission and good at what we do. This [Video](#) (“The Mission”) captures the situation. It may capture your attention.

Help us create the energy for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. To get started, click [here](#).

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Bob Hogan is the founder of Bridge My Return (BMR.)

VA, Men’s Wearhouse team up to help Veterans “Dress for Success”

Suits for Veterans enrolled in the Compensated Work Therapy program



More than 40 Veterans stopped by the [Gulf Coast VA Health Care System](#) ready to “Dress for Success.” The event, sponsored by Men’s Wearhouse, offered new and gently used suits to Veterans who are enrolled in the outpatient and inpatient [Compensated Work Therapy \(CWT\)](#) program.

Anthony Williams, CWT program manager, said events like this are important for Veterans who are trying to find employment.

“I believe an event like this lets Veterans know we are serious about helping them find employment,” he said. “Several Veterans said they didn’t have clothing to wear for interviews, so they never really tried to gain community employment.”

In the photo above, from left, Bob Davis, chief of Voluntary Services, Bryan Matthews, medical center director, a Men’s Wearhouse employee; Anthony Williams, Compensated Work Therapy Program Manager and another Men’s Wearhouse employee pose for a photo.

Air Force Veteran grateful for VA and community support

Kyle was in transportation in the Air Force for eight years before separating back to civilian life. That transition didn't go as well as he'd hoped.

"I went in the Air Force when I was 17 and got out when I was 25," he said. "I felt this loss of identity that I never imagined."

Decked out in his new suit, Kyle said he was thankful. "It means a lot, not just that the VA would do this, but to have the community come out and support us Veterans who are struggling to get in the workforce. It just means a lot."

Kyle entered the work program through the VA. It wasn't because he wasn't able to find a job, but because he found himself on a path that wasn't healthy.

"I've had jobs," he said. "But the environment wasn't good for me and I knew I needed to change some things."

He started as a night stocker at a local store. Within three weeks, he was promoted to oversee all the night stockers.

"My work ethic speaks for itself," Kyle said. "But I had to ask myself what I was going to do to be successful. The answer to that was to find this program so I didn't end up on the wrong path again."

Men's Wearhouse employee measures Veteran for a suit

Williams said he's trying to transform the CWT program. He recently hired two Vocational Rehabilitation Specialists to start community-based employment service programs in Biloxi and Mobile.

"We are not only trying to help them 'Dress for Success,' but we are in the process of starting life skills and computer training," Williams said. "We are going to partner with our business community and our Veteran Benefits Administration partners to assist Veterans."

Cindy Dorfner, a retired U.S. Air Force Veteran, is chief of communications for the Phoenix VA Health Care System.

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5 Questions All Veterans Should Ask About Senior Care



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Being a veteran means a lot of things. It means that you have earned the respect of your fellow countrymen by serving honorably in times of great need. It also means you might be facing [unique challenges](#) related to the time you served. These challenges can be compounded as veterans grow older. While all seniors can benefit from taking the time for financial planning, veterans can stand to gain — and lose — even more.

Are you a veteran 65 or older? If so, you're entering a new chapter in your life and you might not be as prepared as you think. From making sure you have adequate healthcare to securing a low interest home loan, financial planning should be one of your top priorities. Presented by [Veterans for Christ](#), here are a few questions you might be asking, along with the basic answers to get you started.

[Veterans for Christ](#) is dedicated to honoring all who served. For more supportive information on how to thrive in post-service life, visit our site.

What kind of medical coverage can I get as a senior veteran?

Military veterans 65 or older are able to tap into both Medicare and VA benefits for their healthcare coverage. Your [VA benefits](#) only apply to services provided at a VA hospital, so tapping into your Medicare plan can help provide coverage for additional services. Even then there are still gaps. [Medicare](#) doesn't usually cover vision, dental and prescription drugs. In some situations, the VA might cover those needs, but you might want to research supplemental coverage like Medicare Advantage.

I need to downsize. Are there any home loans specifically for veterans?

After your children have moved out and started families of their own, you might find your home a bit overwhelming. It's not uncommon for seniors to seek ways to reduce their responsibilities in their golden years, and veterans are no different. If you want to sell your current home to downsize into something more manageable, there are home loans [specifically for veterans](#) that could help, plus these loans usually offer lower interest rates and often you don't need to have a down payment. There are also special opportunities for veterans and seniors when it comes to reverse mortgages and home refinancing, so be sure to do your research so you understand which options apply to you.

How much will I need to save for retirement?

As a veteran and a senior, you might have several avenues for staying financially secure in retirement. It's highly likely you can receive both military retirement and Social Security benefits. You qualify for a [veteran's pension](#) if you were discharged any way except dishonorably and served 90 days of active duty with at least one day during wartime. You also have to be permanently disabled or over 65, or have a limited income. In addition to a military pension, you can also receive your [Social Security benefits](#). If you wait until age 67 to claim them, you will get 100 percent of your benefits, which usually adds up to about 40 percent of your income. On top of that, if you worked a civilian job or put money into a retirement savings like a 401k or IRA, then you'll also be able to collect that.

When should I begin planning for long-term care?

An estimated [52 percent](#) of people turning 65 today will need some kind of long-term care in the future. Medicare doesn't cover all long-term care situations, but VA benefits might. Veterans who qualify can receive [monthly assistance](#) to cover nursing homes, in-home care and other long-term care services. If you decide to age in place, which means you'd rather receive care in your home than move into a center or facility, then you may need to prepare for the financial cost

of home modifications to help you live independently. The good news is that there are also special [grants and loans](#) for home modifications for seniors and veterans.

Is my family aware of my end-of-life wishes?

Many seniors find that sharing their end-of-life decisions with loved ones is a difficult and emotional subject. But having this discussion early can ensure that your family is fully aware of your choices, which may include funeral arrangements or whether you want to be buried or cremated. Your family can also begin to plan for your chosen arrangements in advance, saving money in the process. When you're ready to have "the conversation," choose a setting that you feel most comfortable in, and invite just a few loved ones to help keep the feeling of becoming overwhelmed at bay.

Financial planning for seniors is crucial for safe, secure and satisfying senior living, and that is especially true for veterans. If you are a veteran approaching 65, starting your plan now will help you get ahead of the game. However, it's never too late for financial planning. It could be the path for the future you deserve.



Verse of the Day

Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.

Luke 22:42 KJV

YOU TOO CAN BE A MEMBER OF THE VETERANS FOR CHRIST, INC.

Sign up online to become an associate member. The annual associate membership of \$120.00 which can be used as a tax deduction for supporters. Registration fees can be paid online through our PayPal account. You will get a free VFC T-shirt with your associate membership. Your tax deductible membership fee will support the VFC mission.

All Honorably Discharged Veterans are welcome to come and observe the VFC; feel free to ask questions and learn more. If we don't know the answer we know someone who does. Please browse our web site www.veteransforchristinc.org. There you'll find information on many subjects of interest to veterans. You'll also find a Newsletter for your branch of service and links to Social Security and many other links with an abundance of information.

Our monthly meetings are on hold until the pandemic is cleared and a vaccine is developed. No meetings are being held at the Wesley Chapel Library at 2861 Wesley Chapel Rd., Decatur, Ga. Our meetings are the fourth Wednesday of every month and start at 6:30 (PM) for approximately one hour and a half, unless otherwise advertised. We will be respectful of your time.

Thank you for your interest in the VFC. We look forward to communicating and fellowshiping with you soon. We are looking for a corporate sponsor for our VFC Gerald Prince College Scholarship which is donated each September at our Anniversary Luncheon

“Be on your guard, stand firm in the faith, being men of courage, be strong.” 1Cor 16:13

Sincerely,

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[Homeless Veteran Resources: 1-877-424-3838](#) or [Chat](#)

[White House VA Hotline: 1-855-948-2311](#)

Don't know what number to call?

[1-800-MyVA411 \(800-698-2411\)](#) is never the wrong number