

VETERANS IN WORKFORCE

Editor's Note: Syncomm Management Group is proud to introduce AllegiantVETS to the Electronic Security Industry. AllegiantVETS started in 2010 to honor the men and women who have served and sacrificed for our freedoms, and to support them in their ongoing transition back to civilian life. AllegiantVETS' mission is to provide opportunities for the community to honor, invest, and connect.



“Valor in Vigilance: Service Members, an Asset to Security Industry”

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As the security industry prepares for ISC 2024, a significant trend continues to emerge: the increasing involvement of service members and veterans in vital roles. This shift reflects a deeper recognition of the unique skill set these individuals offer, honed through rigorous military training and experience.

In the military, service members develop a suite of skills directly applicable to the security sector. Their training in high-pressure environments makes them adept at handling critical situations with composure and decisiveness. This ability to maintain calm and think clearly under pressure is invaluable, especially in emergency scenarios where swift action is essential.

Surveillance and risk assessment, core components of military training, are equally critical in security roles. Veterans' experience in these areas makes them especially suited for positions requiring constant vigilance and situational awareness. Whether it's monitoring CCTV footage or conducting risk analyses, their keen eye for detail and situational understanding are significant assets. Moreover, their experience with a variety of security protocols and strategies means they are well-prepared for roles that require adherence to strict procedures. This includes everything from access control to emergency response, ensuring the protection of people and assets in various settings.

The leadership and teamwork skills refined in the military environment are other vital attributes. Many veterans have led teams in challenging and dynamic environments, equipping them with the ability to manage security teams effectively. Their experience in collaborative settings is crucial in situations where team coordination is key to maintaining safety and security.

It has become clearer and clearer that the inclusion of veterans in the security workforce is not just beneficial but imperative. Their blend of discipline, strategic insight, and integrity positions them as natural fits for the industry. They bring more than just experience to their roles; they bring a mindset geared towards excellence and a commitment to maintaining high safety standards.

The transition from military to civilian roles also offers veterans a platform to continue their service in a new context. Security companies benefit from their skill sets, while veterans find opportunities to apply their experience in meaningful ways. This symbiotic relationship enriches the security industry, ensuring a workforce that is not only skilled but also deeply committed to its roles.

The value of service members and veterans in the security industry, therefore, extends beyond filling vacancies. They are key drivers of innovation, setting new benchmarks in safety and operational standards. Their presence in the industry is a testament to their enduring commitment to protect and serve, reshaping the landscape of civilian security.

As the industry evolves and faces new challenges, the role of these service members will only become more integral. Their skills, experiences, and perspectives offer a fresh approach to security, one that combines the precision of military training with the nuances of civilian applications. This blend is essential for the future of security, ensuring that the industry not only meets current demands but is also prepared for future challenges.

The security industry stands at a pivotal moment, with service members and veterans poised to play a crucial role in its growth and innovation. Their transition into this field represents not just a change in career but a continuation of their dedication to protection and service. In recognizing and utilizing their potential, the security industry not only enhances its capabilities but also honors the service and sacrifices of these individuals, creating a more robust, skilled, and committed security workforce.

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