

## Networking



Eastman Resource Group tapping into our community of troops and veterans

#### What is Networking?

The action or process of interacting with others to exchange information and develop professional or social contacts

#### **Networking Purpose**

- Career development
- Building relationships
- Access to job opportunities
- Build confidence
- Gathering information

### **Types of Networking**

Informal:

- Classes/Organizations
- Community events
- Social media
- Recreation sports

#### Formal:

- Networking events
- Meet and Greets

#### How to Network for Eastman

- EVETS:
  - You can contact us at <u>evets@eastman.com</u> to learn more about networking opportunities in the local area

#### What is a Meet and Greet?

A 30-minute conversation that you initiate conversation with an individual to gather information, not to ask for a job.

#### **Meet and Greet Preparation**

- Know your objective
  - 1) Why are you meeting with the individual?
- Be prepared
  - 1) Do the research
  - 2) Identify how both your interests relate
  - 3) Develop a list of questions to ask to get to know them

### **During the Meet and Greet**

- Bring your resume but don't be eager to hand it over
- Dress appropriately
- This will be a two-way conversation
- Be prepared to answer questions about yourself

#### Who Are You?

During the meet and greet, professionally give the individual a "30 second commercial" during contact.

- Who you are
- Current occupation
- Relevant background information
- Career interest and the purpose of the meet and greet



Within 48 hours after the meet and greet, send the individual a thank you letter via email.

It's a good idea to include a reference to something discussed in the meet and greet during your thank you email

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