

Presidential Initiative

Helping Active Duty Members Earn Industry Credentials

In the summer of 2012, President Obama announced the *We Can't Wait* initiative, to provide opportunities for up to 126,000 service members and spouses the ability to gain industry-recognized, nationally portable certifications for high-demand manufacturing jobs. Through a partnership between Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps, MSSC planned pilots with each Service for a limited number of service members to achieve credentials that can support a transition from military service to frontline jobs in manufacturing and logistics. Participating service members have the opportunity to earn the credentials free of charge. Upon completion of each pilot, MSSC reviews the results with the Service to determine the possibility of integrating the credentials into existing military training programs and/or separation programs. To date, MSSC has begun pilot projects with the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines.

	Army	Navy	Air Force	Marine Corps
Credential	CLT	CLT	CLT and CPT	CLT
Pilot Began	Phase 1: July 2012 Phase 2: Spring 2013	Phase 1: Sept 2012	Spring 2013	Spring 2013
# of Service Members	Phase 1: 300+ Phase 2: 60-120	Phase 1: 28	Phase 1: 100 Phase 2: 50+/-	Phase 1: 100+ Phase 2: 60+/-
Training Provided	Phase 1: Army only Phase 2: Army and MSSC online training	Phase 1: Navy only	Phase 1: AF only Phase 2: AF and MSSC online training	Phase 1: Marine only Phase 2: Marine and MSSC online training

MSSC Helps Train Veterans

Get Skills to Work Coalition with financial support from Lockheed Martin, GE, Boeing, Alcoa and the Gary Sinise Foundation

In October 2012, GE CEO Jeff Immelt announced the launch of the *Get Skills to Work Coalition* to train military veterans for jobs in advanced manufacturing and strengthen the workforce pipeline. The coalition seeks to accelerate skills training for U.S. veterans, translate military skills to positions in high demand industries like advanced manufacturing and logistics, and provide employers with the tools to recruit, hire and mentor veterans.

With many components coordinated by the Manufacturing Institute, the coalition also includes public, commercial and non-profit organizations. The initial investments will help 15,000 veterans translate their military experience to corresponding advanced manufacturing opportunities and gain the technical skills needed to qualify for careers in this sector, which is seeking higher-skilled workers.

The project kicked off in Cincinnati with ACT and MSSC, and the first class graduated in March 2013. Two hundred veterans are expected to complete the Cincinnati pilot in the first year. The pilot will utilize the winning combination of the National Career Readiness Credential (NCRC) and the MSSC Certified Production Technician (CPT) certification. Based upon the results of the Ohio pilot, the coalition plans to expand to 10 locations utilizing ACT, MSSC and other members of the NAM-endorsed Skills Certification System. The next location will be in Ft. Worth, Texas in partnership with MSSC, NIMS and AWS.

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