

## Federal Initiative

### *Helping Active Duty Members Earn Industry Credentials*

MSSC is proud to be a part of the Department of Defense Licensing and Credentialing Task Force. Since President Obama's 2012 announcement of the *We Can't Wait* initiative to provide opportunities for up to 126,000 service members and spouses the ability to earn industry-recognized, nationally portable certifications for high-demand manufacturing and logistics jobs.

Through a partnership between Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps, MSSC has completed 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. Upon completion of each pilot, MSSC reviewed the results with the Service to determine the best course of action to implement the credentials service-wide.

After the pilot phase was completed, the Air Force, Navy and Marines rolled out the program on their respective COOL websites. COOL is the military's Credentialing Opportunities On-Line web portal that connects military personnel to certifications related to their military occupational specialties. All branches of service currently include CLT and CPT on their COOL sites. The Army has expanded their pilot roll out on a national scale.

To date, over to 9,000 military personnel -active and veterans- have registered for the program and 5,000 have been issued a certificate. MSSC has established 35 Assessment Centers on military installations and has registered 132 military-friendly centers at community colleges across the country.

\*Please note: Individuals register once and may take more than one assessment

Branch of Service	Assessment Centers	Registrations	Certificates Issued
Army	16	3901	1029
Air Force	10	371	252
Navy	n/a	68	26
Marine Corps	9	197	72
Coast Guard	n/a	14	37
Veterans		4740	4284

## Veteran-Employer Career Connector

### *Building a Secure Future for Our Nation's Heroes*

In 2015, MSSC introduced the Career Connector, an online registry connecting industry certified Military personnel and Veterans to Transportation, Distribution and Logistics (TDL) Employers. These individuals have 4-20+ years of experience in logistics operations for the military and they have the soft skills (teamwork, discipline, work ethic and sense of mission) that make current and former Military attractive to employers. Now, with CLT certification, they better understand how to apply that experience in the civilian sector.

Many companies want to hire Military and Veterans but often have difficulty identifying those individuals who are interested and qualified for a career in TDL. The *Career Connector* provides direct access to certified candidates in the industry. Employers may register on MSSC's website, [www.msscusa.org/military-initiatives/](http://www.msscusa.org/military-initiatives/).

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