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Securing Futures: Aligning Military Experience and Cyber

We're thrilled to share the latest edition of our monthly newsletter, where we highlight the invaluable connection between military expertise and the dynamic field of cybersecurity. At RapidAscent, we are committed to supporting transitioning military personnel, veterans, military spouses, and civilians in their journey towards successful careers in cybersecurity through comprehensive job-readiness training.

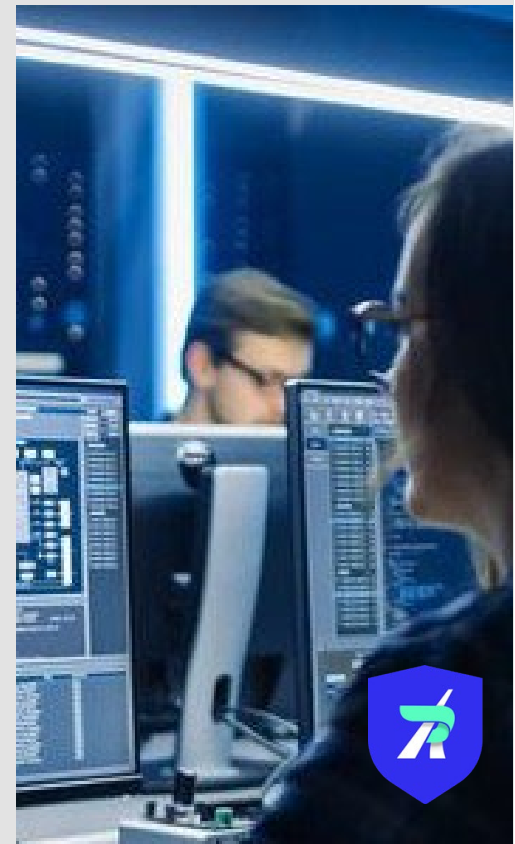
Cybersecurity Transitions: Broad Roles, Diverse Industries, and Portable Job Security

For TAP managers and service members exploring transitions together, cybersecurity emerges as a field rich with opportunities, emphasizing three core benefits.

First, the breadth of job roles in cybersecurity spans across nearly every type of role imaginable, from technical to strategic positions, ensuring a fit for various skill sets and interests. Second, cybersecurity's universal demand across all industries means you can pursue a career in the sector you're most passionate about, from finance to healthcare, embodying the perfect convergence of interest and expertise.

Lastly, the ever-growing importance of cybersecurity guarantees job security and excellent prospects for advancement, as the need for skilled professionals with the right mindset only escalates.

In each of our newsletters, we help you explore these opportunities further, providing insights and resources to help you navigate your transition into a field where your military experience is not just valued but vital, ensuring a successful and rewarding civilian career path..



Informational Webinar

Join us to learn more about our
VA-Approved SkillBridge and
Veteran Job Readiness programs
Open to All!

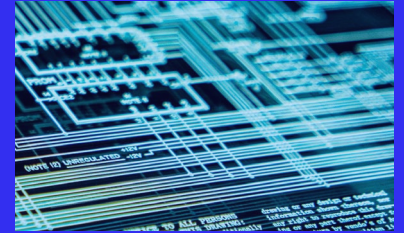
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Explore the Threat to See if Cybersecurity Interests You!

Service members eyeing cybersecurity can begin by studying groups like Volt Typhoon, which reveals the sector's challenges and highlights the vital role of security experts. Understanding these adversaries' motives and strategies not only educates but also inspires a career in defending against complex cyber threats.



Bridging Military Expertise with Cybersecurity

For transitioning service members contemplating a career in cybersecurity, understanding the natural alignment between military skills and the demands of the cybersecurity field is crucial. Military training instills a unique set of skills—problem-solving, adaptability, strategic thinking, and a disciplined work ethic—which are directly applicable and highly valued in cybersecurity roles. This foundation not only facilitates a smoother transition into the civilian workforce but also positions former military personnel as desirable candidates for a range of cybersecurity positions.

The collaborative and dynamic nature of cybersecurity work requires strong leadership and teamwork abilities—qualities that military professionals excel in. Moreover, their heightened security awareness, crisis management capabilities, and global perspective are critical in effectively addressing and mitigating cyber threats.



Read about Volt Typhoon's tactics, campaigns, and the broader implications for US and global cybersecurity,

[Microsoft Security Blog](#)

For a comprehensive report on their activities and potential threats, review Reuters and start learning motivations and specific vulnerabilities exploited by Volt Typhoon

[Volt Typhoon Deep Dive](#)

Salary INSIGHT

In cybersecurity, entry-level analysts earn **\$60,000-\$80,000**, with certifications potentially boosting pay. Mid-level roles reach **\$70,000-\$100,000** with experience and advanced certifications. Senior positions in specialized areas can **surpass \$200,000**, emphasizing expertise value.



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Critical First Step: Cyber Job Readiness

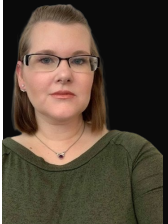
RapidAscent.com's job readiness training equips transitioning members with essential first-year skills, job aids, projects, and team collaboration, each vital for a successful cybersecurity career. This ensures full preparation for the industry's demands, resulting in confidence and job readiness on day one.

JumpStart Your Cybersecurity Transition

RapidAscent JumpStart is a free training tool designed to help you see your strengths as they apply to a cybersecurity role.

Transitioning members can identify job roles that best match their skills and interests, offering a clear path to meaningful employment planning in the cybersecurity industry. Whether you're a TAP manager advising service members or a transitioning member evaluating your next steps, the JumpStart program, [JumpStart](#), can help you start navigating the transition to a rewarding cybersecurity career. This is also an opportunity to reach out to RapidAscent, where we can help your service members build a cybersecurity transition plan and start executing that plan. Reach out via email at TeamRA@RapidAscent.io.

Learner Spotlight



**Tara
Betteridge**

As a military spouse, Tara's motivation to pursue cybersecurity is rooted in a profound desire to contribute to national security. Her interest in this field was sparked by a distinctive event, during which she devoted a week to intensive study.

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Webinars with Delaina Morse

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/delainamorse/>

Delaina Morse, along with co-hosts Ben Shorter and Erika Beverly, will lead the upcoming course, **Learning LinkedIn and Why it Matters**, equipping you for success in your new professional chapter.

The program is tailored for the transition from military to civilian management and offers expert guidance from instructors with extensive experience in both sectors. You're not alone in this journey.

"We look forward to witnessing your growth and positive impact in the civilian workforce. Thank you for your service. Let's embark on this exciting journey together!"

Register here for FREE:

<https://bit.ly/learning-linkedin-and-why-it-matters>



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Culminating in the successful completion of the Sec+ exam, Tara has also recently finished RapidAscent's accelerated Cybersecurity Analyst course. She aims to leverage her newly acquired cybersecurity skills to tackle challenges and carve out a dynamic career path.

Tara is dedicated to enhancing her role in protecting digital landscapes, a commitment that has led to securing an apprenticeship where she obtained an Interim Secret Security Clearance. These achievements highlight her steadfast dedication to rapid skill development, further establishing her as a committed professional in the cybersecurity field.

Employer Highlight



ITS Aerospace showcases the potential for transitioning military members and military spouses into cybersecurity roles within our employer network. This Certified Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned business focuses on cybersecurity and space systems, valuing the skills of military veterans. Highlighting practical career paths, ITS exemplifies the benefits of our partnership for transitioning members.

For insights into successful transitions, see our feature on a former student's journey: Tara Betteridge. Learn more at <https://www.itsaerospace.com>, a guidepost for civilian career navigation.

Join us and start exploring with February's FREE Cybersecurity events

Active duty members can kickstart their transition by joining our upcoming events for networking with mentors and industry experts. These sessions are pivotal for smooth transitions into civilian careers, focusing on valuable insights and practical advice.

- **RA Cybersecurity Informational Brief (Virtual)**
Tuesdays, 5:00-6:00 PM MST
[Event details](#)
- **Cybersecurity Conversations with K2 (Virtual)**
2nd/4th Wed monthly, 2:30-4:00 PM MST
[Event details](#)
- **Veterans Beer Club (In-person)**
Wed, Feb 28, 5:30 – 7:30 PM
[Event details](#)
- **ISSA Cybersecurity Mentoring Mixer (In-person)**
Thur, Feb 29, 4:30-9:00 PM MST
[Event details](#)
- **Cybersecurity First Friday (In-person)**
Fri, Mar 1, 4:00-6:00 PM
[Event details](#)



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Introducing Brian Arrington

Director of Community Relations at RapidAscent
Founder/President Vets2Industry
<https://www.linkedin.com/in/brianarrington933/>



"Vets2Industry offers an invaluable FREE resource library tailored for active, guard, reserve, veterans, military spouses, dependent children, Blue-Star & Gold-Star Families, and caregivers. It's designed to provide transitioning service members with knowledge, connections, opportunities, and, most importantly, hope. This comprehensive support system aids in navigating the complexities of transitioning to civilian life, making it an essential tool for those looking to secure their future outside the military.

By integrating Vets2Industry's resources, Rapid Ascent's programs further empower transitioning service members, ensuring they have access to vital support networks alongside top-tier cybersecurity training. This partnership exemplifies a holistic approach to transition support, perfectly aligning with the needs of those we serve."

Indigo - AI-enabled Assessment Technology

The Indigo Education Company (IEC) offers AI-enabled solutions for top-tier assessment technology and consulting. Their mission is to unlock individual genius and leverage strengths for high-performing teams.

The Indigo Assessment, a 45-minute evaluation, measures behaviors, motivators, skills, social-emotional perceptions, and strengths. The resulting comprehensive report provides insights and optimal pathways for employment. Indigo's unique approach utilizes multiple measures of human strength, generating 150 data points per person for predictive analytics.

Their career recommendations include education programs and options, while their dashboard automates the creation of high-performing teams, setting them apart with authenticity, passion, and purpose.

To register for the Indigo Assessment:
<https://vets2industry.org/indigo-assessment/>

