

CITIZEN SOLDIER FOR LIFE



The Army National Guard - Citizen Soldier for Life

program, launched in September 2016, prepares and connects service members with financial and employment services, in an effort to enhance readiness and boost resilience. The program focuses on Initial Entry Training (IET) populations through the Recruit Sustainment Program (RSP) in addition to offering services all National Guard members and their Families who may be seeking civilian employment and financial assistance.

Citizen Soldier for Life Counselors assist individuals in meeting Career Readiness Standards (CRS) as early in the Soldier Life Cycle as possible, and provide them with the fundamental skills necessary to obtain and sustain a fulfilling civilian career. The program works toward improving the financial literacy of the force through education and training. Financial Literacy includes, but is not limited to: basic money management, retirement planning and building a 12 month budget. Program Counselors also provide National Guard members and their Families with local, accessible resources, that is readily available should they need assistance.

Approximately 40,000 new Soldiers and 7,000 prior service members will enter our formation each year, each looking for employment within the communities they live and serve. Preparing Soldiers for the dual role of service and citizen through employment and financial readiness is the foundation for a culture that inspires Soldiers to continue serve, bolsters their position in the community

Upholding our Soldiers through employment and financial literacy, combined with providing resources and support across the entire Soldier Lifecycle and into retirement, will create a true and dedicated Citizen Soldier for Life and directly contribute to sustaining the all-volunteer force.



The Citizen Soldier for Life program provides direct career preparation, coordinated financial services, and education on how to manage a wage once earned. It targets readiness at the individual level and creates stability at home and within the unit, thus allowing Soldiers at meet individual and collective training requirements in preparation of state and federal mobilization.



Areas of Emphasis

- CAREER TRACKING
- BUDGET DEVELOPMENT
- RESUME PREPARATION
- INTERVIEW PREP
- MILITARY SKILLS TRANSLATION
- APPRENTICESHIP and CERTIFICATION

Contact Information

Citizen Soldier for Life counselors are located throughout your State ready to assist National Guard members, their Families and Veterans realize their career and financial goals, network with local employers and identify opportunities. To find a list of Citizen Soldier for Life counselors in your State, connect with us at

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