

AFCU Prayer Alert

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Life in the Forces – Jobs in Civvy Street

As we approach the summer many serving personnel are coming to the end of their service careers and are focusing on what to do when they leave the military. When this happens military personnel change not just their job but their whole way of life, their friends and their homes. This greatly affects them and their families. Obviously, the more time and choice an individual has about leaving the military helps in planning what to do next. The military are aware of the need to transition well and offer comprehensive resettlement advice and some financial assistance to enable service leavers to retrain for civilian careers. Even with all this help some individuals find life in Civvy Street a difficult transition to make. This can be made more difficult if they have served in a number of locations throughout their career and don't have a home or specific location or friendship groups outside of the military community to return to. Christian military personnel obviously also want to seek God's will for their future after the military.

PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for those leaving the forces this summer and switching to civilian jobs, for wisdom, patience and guidance.
- Pray that they would have support networks available to them during their house and job search and that they wouldn't feel overwhelmed or alone.
- Thank God for organisations who help with resettlement after the military and specialise in finding military-friendly recruiters for ex-forces personnel.
- Pray for Christians who are seeking God for His plan for their life after the forces, that God would clearly lead and guide them.

Government's proposed changes for Armed Forces

www.gov.uk/government/news/flexible-working-for-armed-forces

The recent Queen's speech after the General Election announced some proposed changes for our Armed Forces. The measures, which are due to come into effect in 2019, are part of the Armed Forces (Flexible Working) Bill. They will also limit the amount of time that personnel will need to spend away from their home-base and their families. The Bill will amend parts of the Armed Forces Act 2006, and the new arrangements were developed after a consultation with the Royal Navy, Army and Royal Air Force. Personnel said they wanted more choice over the way they serve for when their circumstances change; such as starting a family, or undertaking caring commitments. These reforms are part of the modern offer to personnel and the government's commitment to strengthen the Armed Forces Covenant, which was enshrined in law in 2011 to ensure Service personnel are not disadvantaged through their work.

PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for those in our government who are preparing the details of this new bill, that they will know God's wisdom in ensuring that the right balance is found between the need to maintain continuity and stability in our Armed Forces and the need to provide flexibility to individuals who wish to amend their work patterns due to personal circumstances at certain periods in their lives.

- Pray for all those serving personnel who are currently facing difficult decisions between the demands and needs of their personal and professional lives. Pray especially for those with very young children and those who are needing to provide care for elderly relatives.