

An Interview with Author Tom Wolfe ~ *Out of Uniform: Part 2*

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What are the support needs of our military transitioning?

Our military officers often go directly from high school or college into the military, rarely exposed to job-hunting, interviewing, resume writing, dressing properly for an interview, understanding how to network, market and sell oneself. The mistakes they make are because they did not have the experience. You're probably going to need some help—don't be embarrassed or shy—you are going into this for the first time. Help can come in the form of a mentor, a coach, or a shipmate who went through this process. To be successful in a job search, you need to make the civilian equivalency discovery, know the industries you're interested in and the types of positions you're qualified for, and be able to sell both experience and potential in an interview. Asking for help is critical.



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