GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS
AND
TRANSITION SUPPORT

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What is GIS?

- A GIS system will capture, store, analyze, manage, and present data that is linked by location. GIS increases the efficiency of an organization's overview of historical, current, and forecasting data.

- Currently used at all Marine Corps installations. Their program is called the "COP" or Common Operational Picture.
For the Marine Corps the application would be called Veteran’s Transition Support Viewer

“VeTS View”
Why USMC and VeTS View?

- VeTS View enhances the Marine Corps’ ability to provide feedback to the Commandant the types of jobs Marines are looking for.

- Enhances the member’s view of national and local area resources available (i.e. VA locations, Trade Schools, Universities, and Employment opportunities).

- Has the potential to assist Marine for Life’s mission and display external employment services (i.e. Career Builder, etc...).
VeTS Viewer Vision:

- A sustainable VeTS Viewer Program that supports the needs of the individual Marine and provide Staff members with the enhanced “Virtual Resources” information system.
A “Virtual Resource” will combine multiple databases and websites on to one (GIS) platform.

This resource will foster the development and visual connections that support a Marine’s transition.
Vision – Conceptual Framework

VeTS Viewer

- Career Builder USA Jobs
- Trade Schools
- Local Economic Indicators
- Local Chamber of Commerce
- Universities
- M4L Job / Mentors
- VA Medical & Vet Locations
- USMC Vetted Job Opportunities
Transition support layer information

Marines will be able to view

- Information of local Economic Indicators (i.e. – U.S. Censes Bureau data on average)
  - local job market
  - unemployment %,
  - household income
  - housing costs
  - renting a house / apartment
  - local realtors
  - cost of living
  - local taxes
  - climate
  - elementary schools

- Available local nonprofit organizations who are willing to support a Marine’s transition (i.e. education scholarships, internships etc…).
Transition support layer continued

- M4L employment opportunities. Local active duty Marine support networks i.e. - Marine for Life, Home Town Links (HTL).

- Direct employment feeds (i.e. CareerBuilder or any job bank with open source feeds)

- Educational and vocational resources that are available in their immediate area (i.e. G.I Bill accepted schools)

- Locations of Veteran’s Administration medical facilities and housing locations.
Employment Opportunities
National Service Officers
By adding VeTS View you can see

Application Area

- 1) Individual Address Points
- 2) A Marines home of record
- 3) Department Area of Operation
- 4) Congressional and Senatorial Districts
- 5) Vocational & Trade Schools
- 6) Median income level by vocation
- 7) Veterans Administration (i.e. Education and Housing areas)
- 7) Universities
- 8) Jobs data
- 9) Chamber of Commerce
- 10) Local Economic Indicators
- 11) Forecast Marines projected to return to their home of record
VeTS VIEW VS Other Options

GeoFi West

- Tested and proven product and applications
- Current project: Installation viewer and Common Operational Picture (COP)
- Available to access on NMCI and white line link.
- Allows easy access to external data.
- NMCI compliant and available to DOD and Marine personnel.
- GeoFi West is Managed by GS employees.
- Leveraging existing investments.

No testing or applications
- Current project: None
- Available to outside white line link only.
- NMCI approved but not easily accessed.
Geospatial “Virtual Resource” and USMC

- The end state will of a VeTS View system will capture, store, analyze, manage, and present data that is linked by location to both USMC and individual Marines in order to increase the efficiency of a Marine’s transition.