

Veterans
Economic
Communities
Initiative



VECI/VEC™ Overview

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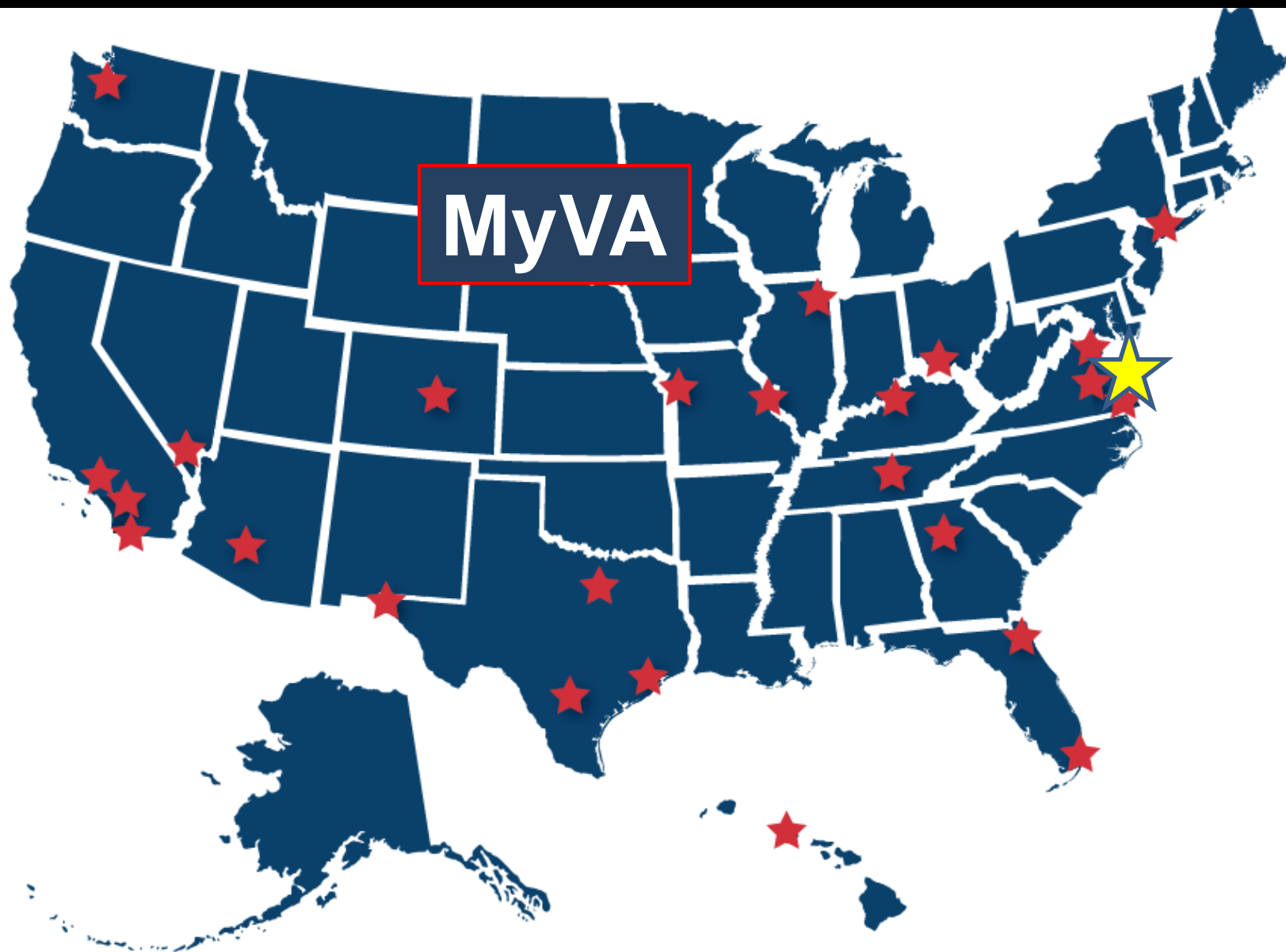
Hampton Roads Economic Liaison

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Today's Presentation

- VEI program overview
- Program goals
- Current community efforts
- Assistance programs/tools
- VEC™ overview

VECI - Selection Criteria



3 VEI Goals

Reduce Unemployment

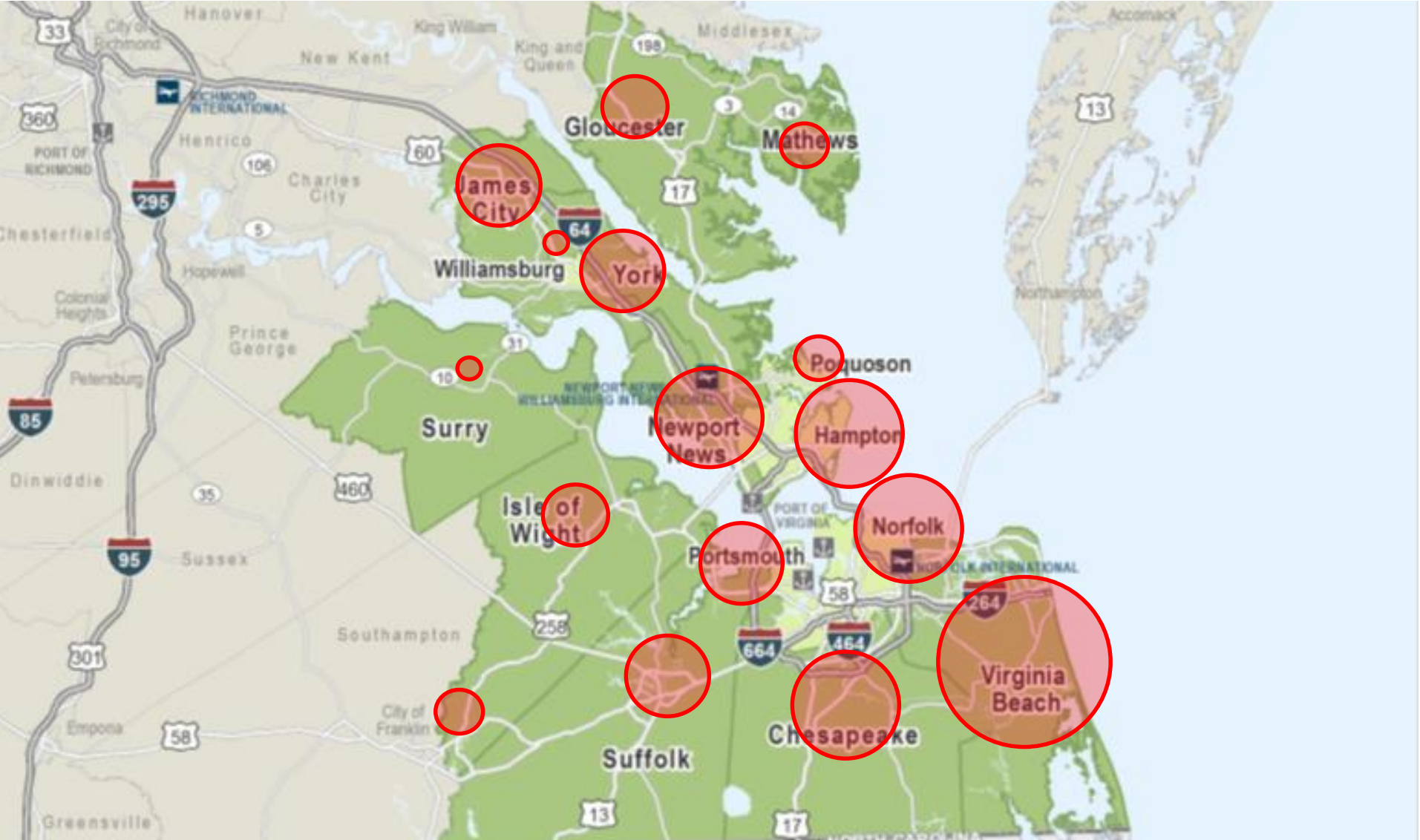


Reduce Unemployment Benefits Use



Increase Veterans Benefits Use





Hampton Roads ~ **260K Veterans**
> **17% of Workforce**

Unity of Effort?

United Way
United Way of South Hampton Roads

Peninsula Chamber
of Commerce

OppInc
One-Stop
Workforce
Center

The Planning
Council

American
Red Cross

HAMPTON ROAD
CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE
SERVING SOUTHEASTERN VIRGINIA

PENINSULA COUNCIL
For Workforce Development

Peninsula Worklink

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TIDEWATER
COMMUNITY
COLLEGE

ecpi

REGENT
UNIVERSITY

THE GEORGE
WASHINGTON
UNIVERSITY

THOMAS NELSON
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY

CNU

TSMs
Vets
Families?

SENTARA

RIVERSIDE

Chesapeake
Public Schools

NASA

Bank of America

BON SECOURS
HEALTH SYSTEM

PORTSMOUTH
PUBLIC
SCHOOLS

HAMPTON
City Schools

BAE SYSTEMS

GEICO

Smithfield

STIHL

CHESAPEAKE REGIONAL
MEDICAL CENTER

HERMES

USAA

VIRGINIA VALUES
VETERANS

Virginia Employment
Commission

CITY OF HAMPTON
JULY 9, 1610

CITY OF CHESAPEAKE VIRGINIA

CITY OF SUFFOLK VIRGINIA

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH VA
FOUNDED MARCH 1, 1706

JAMES CITY COUNTY
Incorporated
1607

ROSEBUSH COUNTY
VIRGINIA ESTAB. 1851

CITY OF FRANKLIN, VIRGINIA
FOUNDED 1876 - CITY 1881

MATHEWS COUNTY
VIRGINIA

CITY OF POQUOSON, VIRGINIA
1831-1893-1993

CITY OF WILLIAMSBURG
1699
VIRGINIA'S COLONIAL CAPITAL

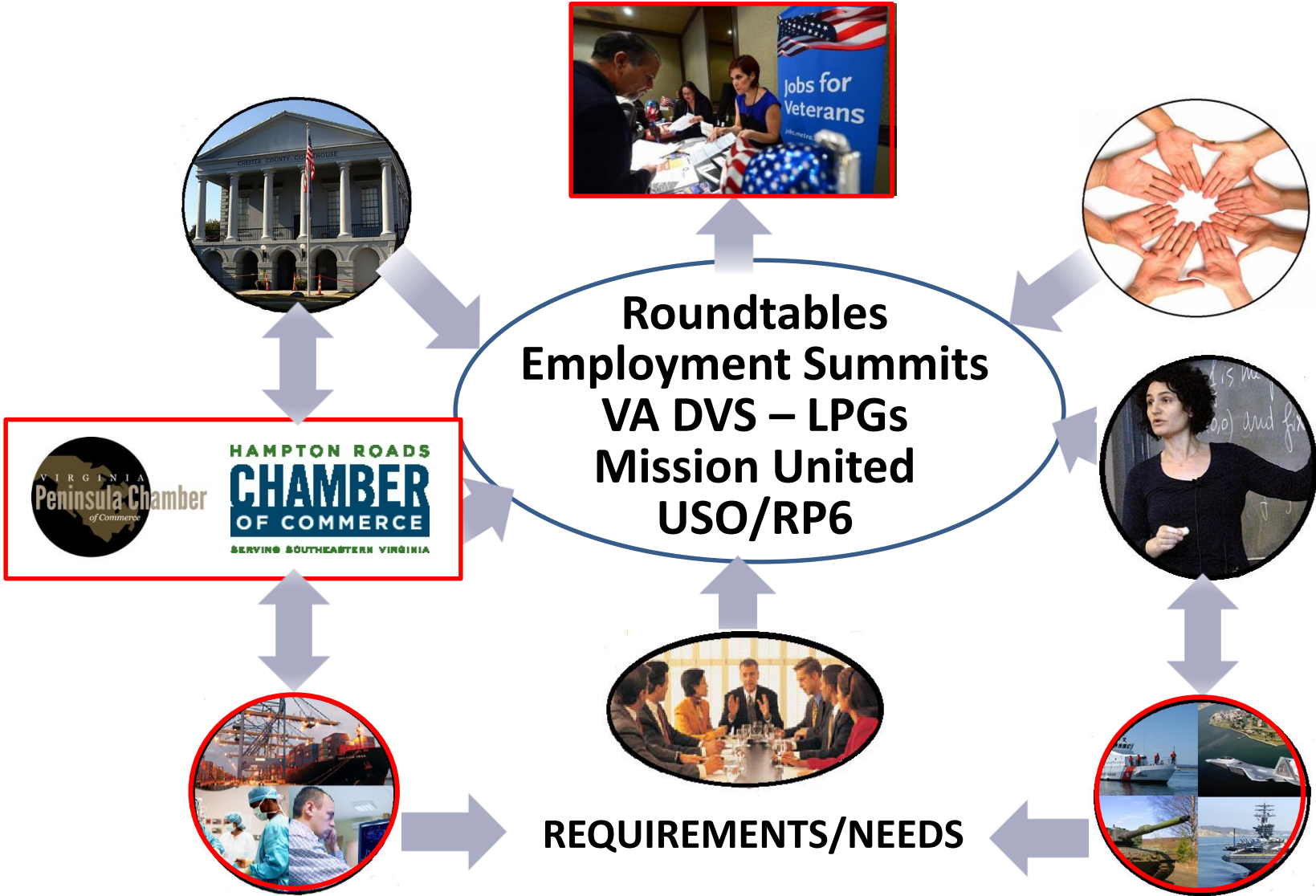
CITY OF SURRY
VIRGINIA
1830



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Silos and Rice Bowls?

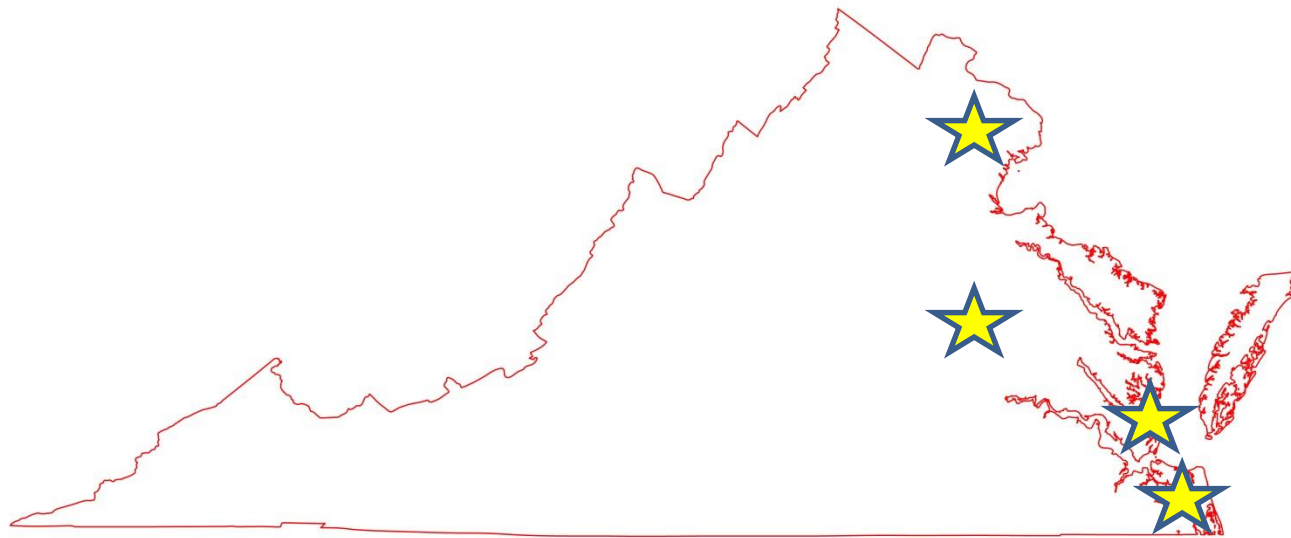
VECI in Hampton Roads



Virginia – Veteran Friendly

Virginia Values Veterans (V3)

DVS – Local Planning Groups (LPGs)

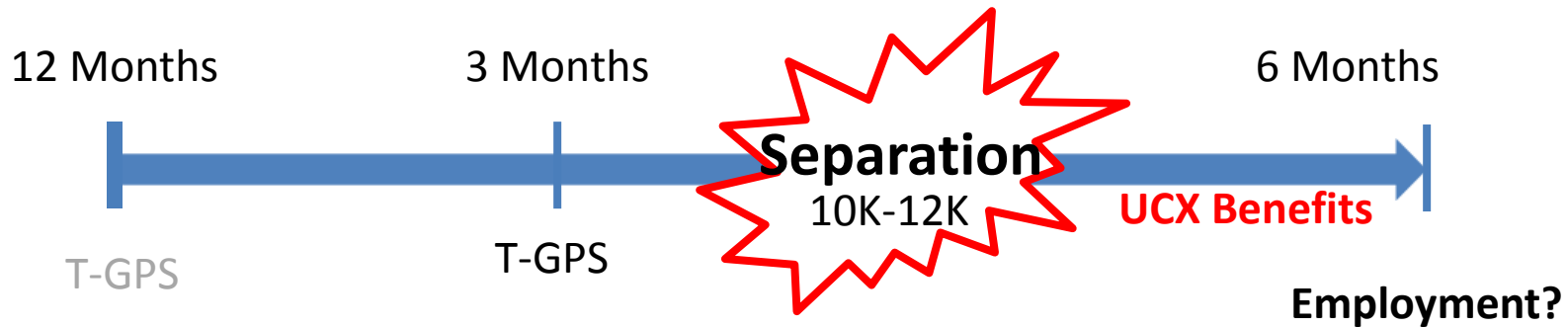


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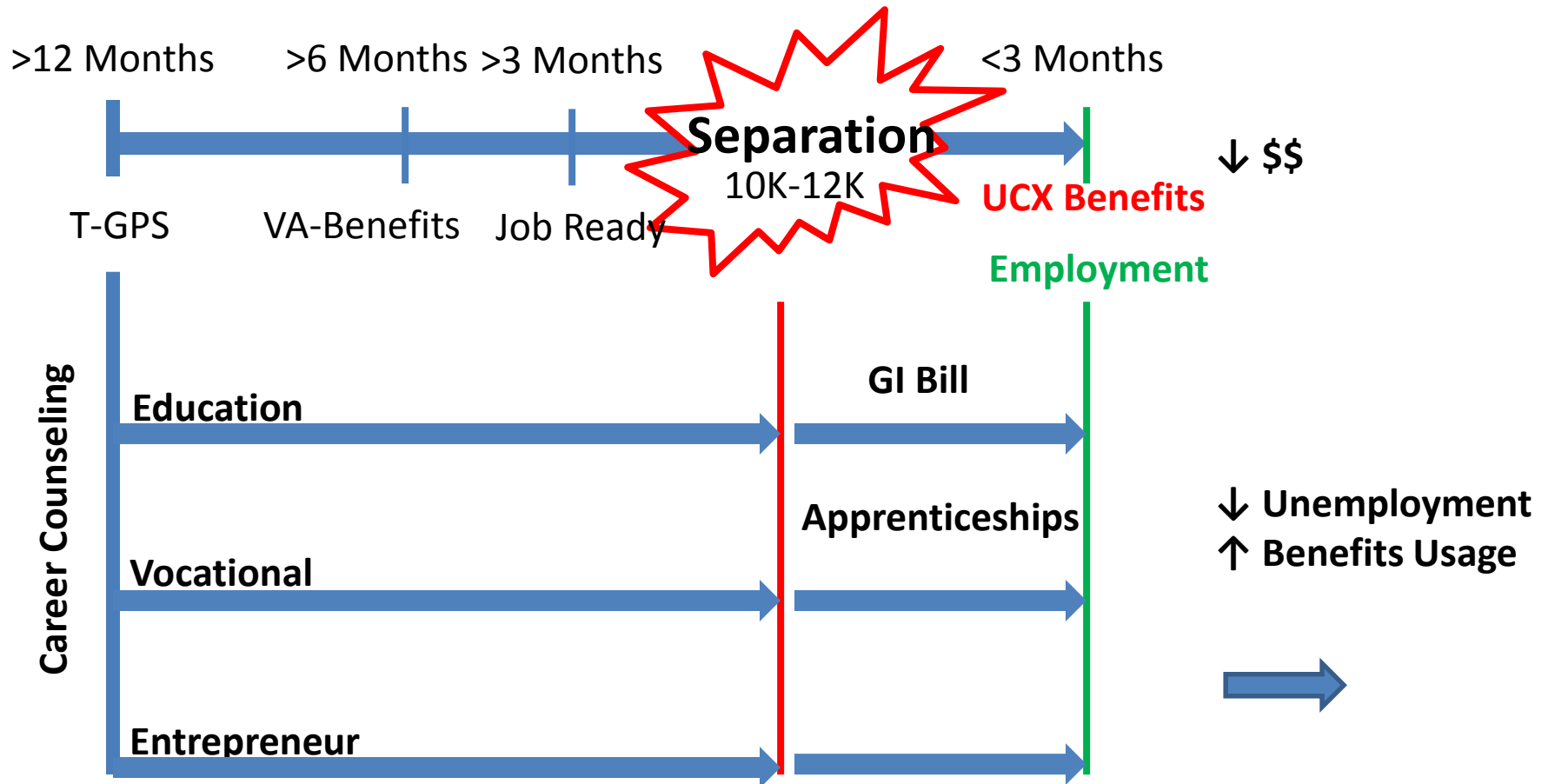
VIRGINIA

Transition GPS – Left of Boom



- Majority attend last 90 days
- 5 days - 3 distinct modules
- TA use not focused
- Efforts to update process

Transition GPS – Left of Boom



What are employer's requirements?
What are the skills they need?
What training/education programs exist?
Who can build new ones?
Incubation Centers?



Educational/Training Engagement

Connecting Veterans and Employers



Veterans Employment Center™ (VEC™)
Heroes to Hired (H2H)
Boots to Business (SBA B2B)
Virginia Values Veterans (V3)
ODU VBOC
ODU Ctr for Enterprise Innovation

VEC™ for Job Seekers

- > VEC™ is the federal government's single online tool for connecting employers and Veterans with employment opportunities
- > Connects transitioning Servicemembers, Veterans and their families to meaningful career opportunities in the public and private sectors

For Job Seekers:

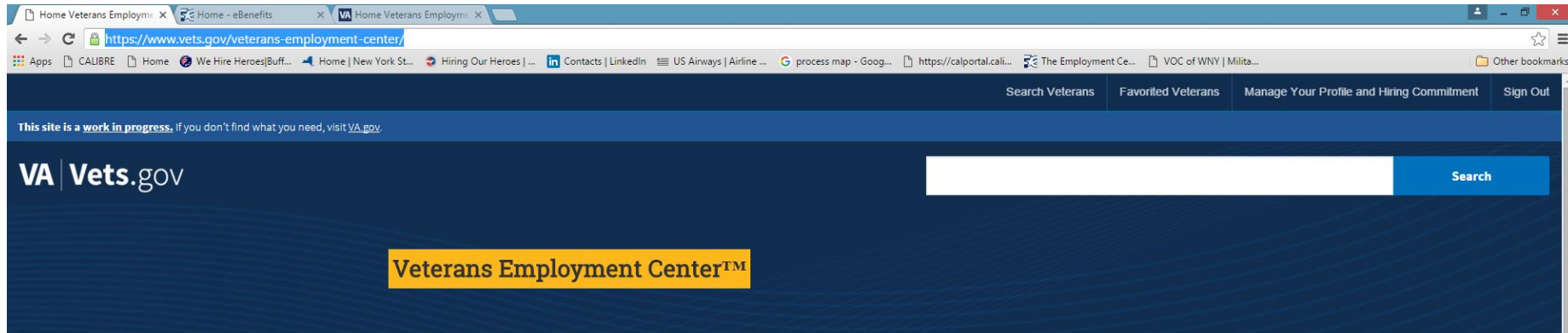
- Translate skills into civilian skills and career field equivalents
- Utilize Profile & Resume Builder
- Search over 1.7 million opportunities in the Veterans Job Bank (VJB)
- View employer hiring and training commitments
- Access to other informational resources to help find meaningful career opportunities and take advantage of special programs

VEC™ for Job Seekers

STEP 1 Go to: <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/jobs>

The screenshot shows the eBenefits website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the eBenefits logo and the text "A Service of the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense". Below this, there are several menu items: "Apply", "Manage", "Learn", "National Resource Directory", "Employment Center", and "Contact". The "Employment Center" link is circled in red. A red box on the right side of the page contains the text "Step 2: Click on Employment Center" with a red arrow pointing to the "Employment Center" link. Below the navigation bar, there is a large blue section titled "What do you want to do?" with three main categories: "Apply", "Manage Benefits", and "Manage Health". Each category has a list of sub-options. At the bottom of the page, there are sections for "Benefits News" featuring "NATIONAL GUARD" and "Wyoming Veterans Commission", and "FEATURED RESOURCES" featuring "Service Members".

VEC™ for Job Seekers



The Veterans Employment Center™ connects Veterans and their families with meaningful employment and career development opportunities.

Resources and tools for both job seekers and employers.

Step 3:
Click on
Job Seekers

Job Seekers
Map your military skills, build a civilian résumé, and post your profile so employers will easily find you. Search our career opportunities, and learn about organizations that can assist you with career development and employment.

Employers
Access Veterans who are seeking employment directly by searching verified profiles of Veterans and their spouses. Post open positions. Make a public hiring commitment. Access Veteran experience and skills and hire the best!

VEC™ for Job Seekers

The screenshot shows the website https://www.vets.gov/veterans-employment-center/for_job_seekers. The browser's address bar and tabs are visible at the top. The main content area is divided into several sections:

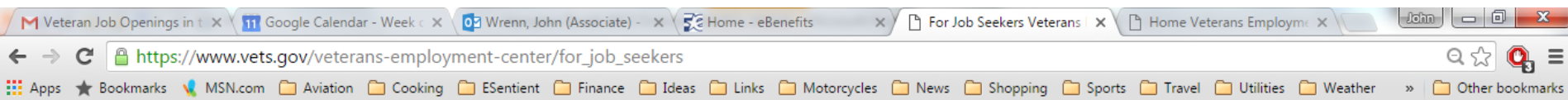
- Three steps to finding a great job:**
 1. Use the Skills Translator to map what you learned in the military to your new civilian career.
 2. Export the results from the Skills Translator to the Résumé Builder to create a résumé.
 3. Search the Veterans Job Bank to find the right position for you.
- Search the Veterans Job Bank:** This section contains a search form with three input fields: "What (job title, keywords)", "Where (city, state, country)", and "Military (military job title or code)". A blue "Search" button is located below the fields. A red arrow points to the search form.
- Sign in:** A light blue box with the text "Already have a public profile? Sign in to update it." and a blue "Sign in" button. A red arrow points to this box.
- Free LinkedIn Subscription:** A grey box with the LinkedIn logo and text: "Free LinkedIn Subscription. The world's largest professional network is stepping up for Veterans. Sign up now for a free, one-year Job Seeker subscription." A red arrow points to this box.
- Free Coursera Certificates:** A grey box with text: "Free Coursera Certificates. Coursera provides all Veterans with free certificates upon completion of any of the over 800 Coursera courses that you choose to take."
- Skills Translator:** A dark blue box with the text: "Skills Translator. How can you best explain your military experience to a civilian employer? Find out with the Skills Translator." A red arrow points to this box.
- Résumé Builder:** A dark blue box with the text: "Résumé Builder. Check off your skills, fill in a form, and quickly build a résumé that you can print or post online." A red arrow points to this box.

At the bottom of the page, there is a "Related Info:" section. The Windows taskbar is visible at the very bottom, showing various application icons and the system clock displaying 4:38 PM on 1/11/2016.

Related Info:



VEC™ for Job Seekers



Related Info:

Civilian Occupation Translator ¹⁷

Translate your military experience into a similar civilian occupation, and explore possible new careers by category and keyword.

Career Fairs

Veterans, Servicemembers, and their families can meet employers and learn about job opportunities through in-person and online events.

Find an American Job Center ¹⁷

More than 2,500 AJCs in communities nationwide provide job seekers with free help for a variety of career and employment-related needs.

View Employer Commitments to Hire Veterans

See which companies and organizations recognize the value Veterans add in the workplace and commit to hiring them.

Interest Profiler

What career is right for you? Identify what you like, and find a job that's just the right fit.

Resources

Funds for educational and training programs, information on workplace accommodation, assistive technologies, starting your own business, and more.

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Questions? / Discussion

