

Helping Virginia Veterans Like Luca Simon Successfully Transition From Military To Civilian Life

Captain Luca Simone served 24 years as a Logistics Officer in the United States Marine Corps. With the help of the Virginia Values Veterans (V3) Transition Program, he is putting the skills he learned in the military to great use as a Portfolio Manager with one of America's largest defense contractors.

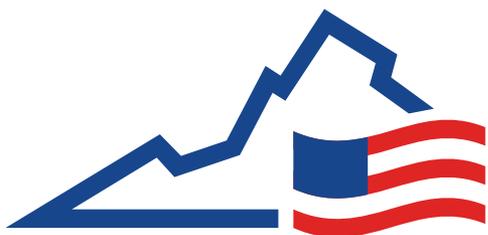
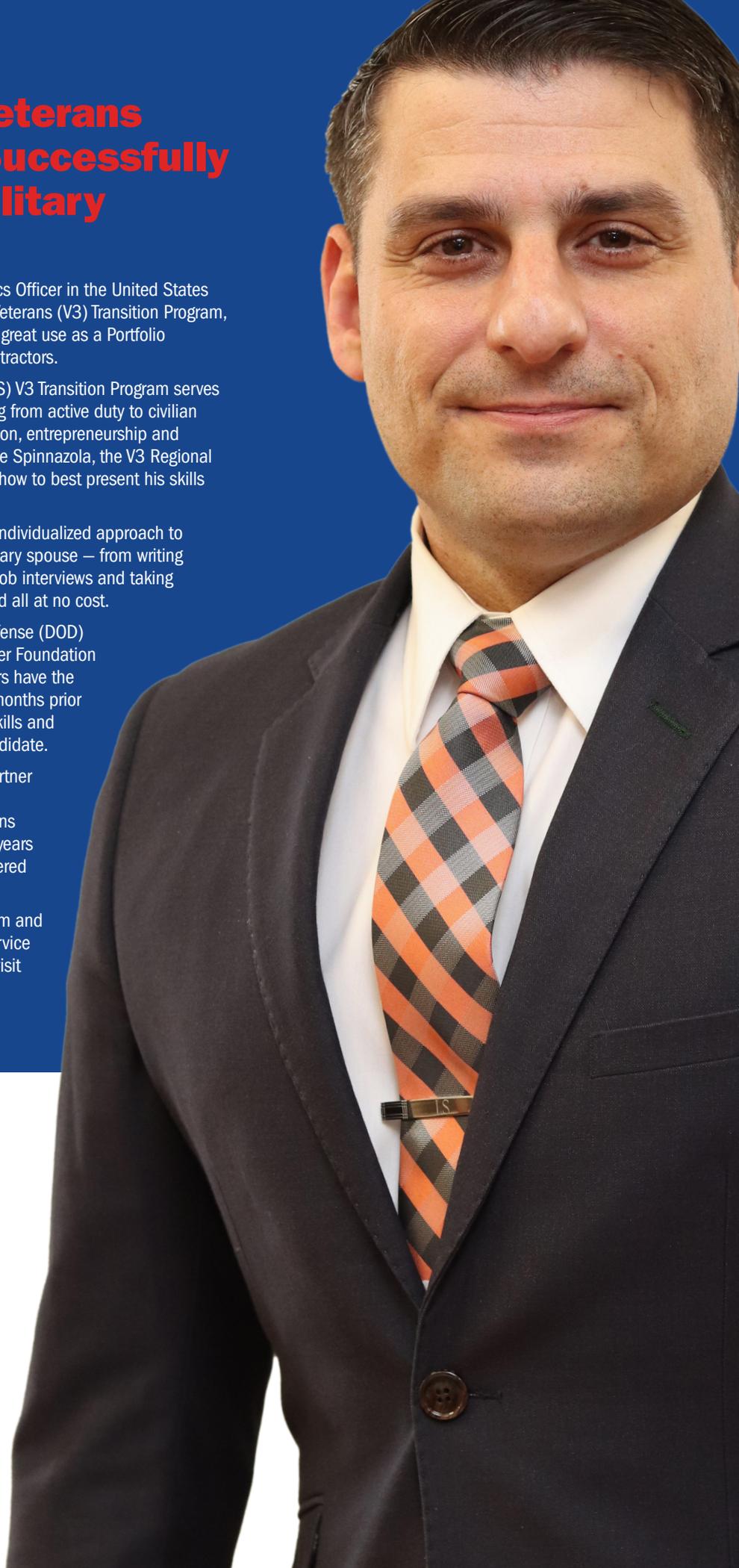
The Virginia Department of Veterans Services (VDVS) V3 Transition Program serves service members and military spouses transitioning from active duty to civilian life by providing a pathway to employment, education, entrepreneurship and other opportunities. Capt. Simone worked with Katie Spinnazola, the V3 Regional Transition Coordinator in Northern Virginia to learn how to best present his skills in a resume and to develop a job search strategy.

V3 Transition Coordinators, such as Katie, take an individualized approach to assist every transitioning service member and military spouse – from writing effective resumes and networking to preparing for job interviews and taking advantage of the many programs VDVS offers – and all at no cost.

Including programs like the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) Fellowship in coordination with the Virginia Chamber Foundation called HIRE VETS NOW. Active duty service members have the opportunity to get internship experience up to six months prior to their separation date – helping them gain the skills and experience to become a highly marketable job candidate.

The V3 Program also includes more than 2,300 partner employers throughout the Commonwealth that are committed to recruiting, hiring and retaining veterans and their spouses. In fact, since its inception nine years ago, more than 80,000 men and women have entered Virginia's civilian workforce through this program.

To learn more about VDVS, the V3 Transition Program and other innovative programs to serve transitioning service members and military spouses in Virginia, please visit www.dvs.virginia.gov or www.dvsV3.com.



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