

Career transitions can be one of the most stressful events for both military and civilians. Military service provides an abundance of training, but how do you know what career will suit you in the professional world?

construction/project management. You've personally witnessed infrastructure marvels throughout the world, and now is your chance to lead teams responsible for building and improving them.

Your experience and training earned in the military can transfer to the corporate world. CMAA can help you navigate the rest.

While certainly overwhelming, it can also present some exciting possibilities as you make important decisions about your future.

Your leadership and planning skills are ingrained throughout military service, and your adaptability and willingness to accept change enable you to transition successfully into a promising career in professional Your leadership skills can transfer to new opportunities to lead teams to solve complex, unique challenges while utilizing your project management skillsets. You may have performed as an action officer, training officer, operations planner, commander, platoon

sergeant, or equivalent. Each of these roles can prepare you for entering the civilian world as a construction manager. You can provide value to an organization as a project manager specializing in construction.

From an office to the jobsite, your environment will allow you to do what you do best – to lead.



## How much industry-specific knowledge do you need?

Construction Managers are tasked with a significant amount of responsibility which requires a variety of skills. Since they oversee construction projects from early design stages to construction completion, they need to be able to manage teams of people, communicate effectively with all stakeholders, manage budget and schedules, and ensure that the project is completed and successful. Managers need to have excellent interpersonal skills and leadership ability, as well as the technical know-how.

## A Good First Step

Utilizing leading industry credentials can demonstrate to organizations the knowledge and experience you've obtained in the military. Earning the Construction Manager-in-Training certificate is your first step to transitioning to a successful career in the construction management industry. The CMIT designation demonstrates competence in the practice of construction management early in an individual's CM career.

For well experienced military personnel, the Certified Construction Manager® (CCM®) is widely considered the pinnacle certification in construction management; the CCM recognizes construction managers who are experts in all phases of a construction project, from planning and design through construction and completion. CCMs have voluntarily met the prescribed criteria of the CCM program with regards to formal education, field experience, and demonstrated capability and understanding of the CM body of knowledge.

