Transition Readiness Program
Initial Counseling and Pre-Separation
Counseling Checklist

Last Name: ___________________ First Name: ___________________ Rank:_________ Date: ______________

Unit: ___________________________ Arrival Time: _____ Departure Time: ________

Attending Pre-Separation Counseling on: _______ DOD ID #:_____________ EAS Date: ______________

Commander (or Designee) phone and email: ____________________________________________ 

Effective October 1, 2019, Initial Counseling is the first step in the transition process. This individual session, provided by the P&PD staff, is designed to establish the foundation of the transition process, an overview of the Transition Readiness Seminar (TRS) and the benefits of preparing for, and ensuring you are placed on the appropriate pathway that meets your intended goals.

Upon completion of Initial Counseling, you will be required to complete Pre-Separation Counseling. This session will provide you with an overview of entitlements and benefits you may have earned as a result of your time in service. These mandatory requirements cannot be waived and must be completed prior to registration/entry to the TRS.

Once you make an appointment to attend Initial Counseling and Pre-Separation Counseling at your local transition office, below are the minimum requirements for attendance. Please check for any additional requirements prior to your appointment.

Required Materials To Bring to Initial Counseling/Pre-Separation Counseling:
☐ Self-Assessment/Individual Transition Plan (https://usmc-mccs.org/cycle)
☐ eBenefits Premium Registration Dashboard (https://www.ebenefits.va.gov)
☐ Unofficial Joint Services Transcript (JST) (https://jst.doded.mil/jst/)
☐ Verification of Military Experience (VMET) (https://milconnect-pki.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect)
☐ Update email address in MOL (https://www.mol.usmc.mil)
☐ Proof of employment or attendance at college or technical institution
1) **Steps to Complete eBenefits Registration (Premium Account)**

Get a DS Logon Level 2 (Premium) Account. DS Logon is a secure ID available for Servicemembers, Veterans and Caregivers, that allows you to log in to multiple VA and DoD websites and apps using a single username and password. A DS Logon Level 2 (Premium) Account is required before you can view personal information in VA and DoD systems. Any VA App that connects to VA’s Electronic Health Record (EHR) requires a DS Logon Level 2 Account. **You will need your USERNAME AND PASSWORD to use during class without a CAC.** Print a screenshot of your profile page to verify that you have an ebenefts account.

**Step 1:** Go to [www.ebenefits.va.gov](http://www.ebenefits.va.gov) and Select “Register”

![Registration Process](image1.png)

**Step 3:** Register using your CAC.

![Registration Process](image2.png)
Step 4: Follow the prompts to register.

Registration Process

Individuals with active CAC’s are mandated to utilize the CAC for the purpose of registering for a DS LOGON account. If you are presently unable to utilize your CAC, please return to this website when you are able to use your CAC.

CAC

Common Access Card

Register

Registration Process

Select challenge questions and enter personalized answers.

These questions will be asked if you need to retrieve or change your password.

Question 1

Question 2

Question 3

Question 4

Question 5

Continue Cancel
Registration Process

Welcome

Create your personalized password, please note security requirements.

Password Security Requirements:

- At least one lowercase letter (a to z)
- At least one uppercase letter (A to Z)
- At least one digit (0 to 9)
- At least one special character (@, #, $, %, ^, &, * etc.)
- At least 8 characters (and no more than 29) valid characters as described above
- Cannot contain any words in the Dictionary that are more than three letters
- Cannot contain personal information

1. Must not contain any common dictionary words, personal information
   (like parts of your name, 100% or date of birth), nor invalid characters.
2. Password will expire in 45 days.
3. Start secaring the configuration password to ensure password
   requirements have been met.

![Password input field]

Your Username is: Jane Dewey

You may now begin to use your DS LOGON account.
2) Steps to pull the Joint Services Transcript (JST)

Step 1: Visit https://jst.doded.mil

Step 2: Login with your CAC or username and password

Step 3: Select “Transcripts”, Save and Print.
Steps to pull the Verification of Military Experience and Training (VMET)

**Step 1.** From Marine OnLine (URL: [https://mol.tfs.usmc.mil/mol/ImportantLinks.do](https://mol.tfs.usmc.mil/mol/ImportantLinks.do))

**Step 2.** Update your email address under your Profile.

**Step 3.** Select the “Department of Defense Transition Readiness Program and eForm” link

**Step 4.** You will be redirected to [https://milconnect.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect/](https://milconnect.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect/).

Select the “Sign In” on the upper right hand corner.
Step 5: Sign in with CAC or DS Logon and Password

Step 6: Under the Correspondence/Documentation section, select “DoD Transition Assistance Program (DoDTAP)”.

Step 7. Select the “VMET” tab on the DoDTAP website

Step 8. Save the document and Cover Letter

Once completed, have your UTC register you to attend Initial Counseling and Pre-Separation Counseling. Ensure you have approval to register to attend the TRS and all applicable tracks, so this can also be completed during your appointment.

Good Luck!