Welcome Home:
Adding Veterans’ Services in Your Library
Resources to Consider

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About the Speaker

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Motivational Resources

1. Doubt is a traitor to faith. When you need encouragement to conquer your fear, try *Fearless* by Max Lucado (Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 2009).

2. Run at life with high intention. Rather than thinking of intention as something you do, think of it as energy that you are a part of and can draw on to co-create your new life. Read *The Power of Intention: Learning to Co-create Your World Your Way* by Dr. Wayne W. Dyer (Carlsbad, CA: Hay House, 2010).

3. While you are on the journey of discovery and reorientation, life can become quite hectic and stressful. It’s important to establish margins to balance work and play and to establish healthy relationships. If you want practical insights on how to do so, pick up *Making Room for Life: Trading Chaotic Lifestyles for Connected Relationships* by Randy Frazee (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2003).

4. Are you striving for happiness? Of course you are—we all are. Yet happiness is determined more by your state of mind than by external conditions, circumstances, or events. Explore a profound point of view on reshaping your attitude and outlook about happiness by reading *The Art of Happiness* by the Dalai Lama and Howard C. Cutler, MD (New York: Riverhead Books, 1998).

5. You know you are an expert at saluting and extending common courtesy, but if you really want a crash course in good old-fashioned manners, etiquette, and genuine hospitality, try *Social Graces: Manners, Conversation, and Charm for Today* by Ann Platz and Susan Wales (Eugene, OR: Harvest House, 1999).

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6. You will begin to hear a lot about being effective in attaining goals. If you are interested in a holistic, timeless, principle-focused approach to solving personal and professional problems, try *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People* by Stephen R. Covey (New York: Free Press, 2004).

7. You were socialized to value honor, loyalty, and bravery, but how do you feel about personal accountability? If you are looking to fulfill your vision and goals, be viable in the marketplace, and take ownership of problems, read *The Question Behind the Question* by John G. Miller (New York: G.P. Putnam’s Sons, 2004).

8. If you need reinforcement and common-sense advice on the importance of personal responsibility in your new personal and professional way of life, try *A Message to Garcia and other Essays* by Elbert Hubbard (New York: Little Leather Library Corporation, 1921).

9. Perhaps you are moving into the glorious debris of the business world. If you are interested in discovering the measure of a successful executive, pick up *The Effective Executive: The Definitive Guide to Getting the Right Things Done* by Peter F. Drucker (New York: Collins, 2005).


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Employment Resources

Corporate Research

• **Book of Lists**: Lists hundreds of the hottest area companies in their fields, by ranking [www.bizjournals.com](http://www.bizjournals.com)

• **Salary Finder** - Compares living-cost indexes & salary differentials
  – [ww.salary.com](http://ww.salary.com)

• **LinkedIn** – Helps manage professional identity and build and engage with professional networks [www.linkedin.com](http://www.linkedin.com)

• **Indeed & SimplyHired** - Job search engines that help users search major job sites, company sites, and associations
  – [www.indeed.com](http://www.indeed.com)
  – [www.simplyhired.com](http://www.simplyhired.com)

Education & Training Resources:

• **Military to Civilian Occupation Translator**: Provides searchable occupation equivalents between military and civilian occupations
  – [http://www.mynextmove.org/vets](http://www.mynextmove.org/vets)

• **Troops to Teachers**: US DOE & DOD program that helps eligible military personnel begin a new career as teachers in public schools
  – [http://www.proudtoserveagain.com](http://www.proudtoserveagain.com)
Faith-based Resources  
San Antonio

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- Homefront Heroes Ministry – Supports unique needs associated with U.S. military personnel & families
- Counseling Ministry - Professional Christian counseling services
- Love & Respect – Program teaches you how to resolve conflict and how to motivate correctly in relationships
- Grief & Healing – Seminar offers support and encouragement as you grieve the loss of a loved one.
- Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace University-Biblically-based, life-changing program to teach you to manage money and resources.
- Men’s Ministry – Dedicated to the service of men
- Women’s Ministry – Dedicated to the service of women
- Student Ministry – Dedicated to the service of students ranging middle to high school
- Career Transition Workshop- 12 recurring seminars to assist you with job advancement or career change
- Upwords Book Store – Christian book store; sell books by acclaimed author & pastor Max Lucado & others
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