

Sizzling Summer
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Job Listings – Career Center

Veterans in Parking (ViP) and IPMI (International Parking & Mobility Institute) are joining forces to help our industry partners post available jobs and find qualified professionals to fill those positions. ViP members and sponsors will have the ability to post job openings to the IPMI Career Center from a link on our website and positions will be included in the IPMI “Insider” newsletter. Additionally, IPMI’s Resume Exchange will be open to Military Service Members and Veterans for resume submittal. This partnership between ViP and IPMI will make available positions in the industry more visible to our Veterans as well as making those Vets seeking jobs in the Parking and Transportation industries more visible to potential employers. Final details are being worked out currently and you know we’ll keep you updated!



Speaking of Job Listings.....

The Vets in Parking Board of Directors has established a “Jobs for Vets” committee responsible for soliciting job listings from our membership, sponsors and industry employers. The committee Chairman is RJ Heredia from Carolina Time Parking Group. RJ is an active member of ViP and we are all grateful for his willingness to commit time and energy as a volunteer to help us accomplish our mission! RJ can be reached via email and job postings can be sent to: jobpostings@vetsinparking.com



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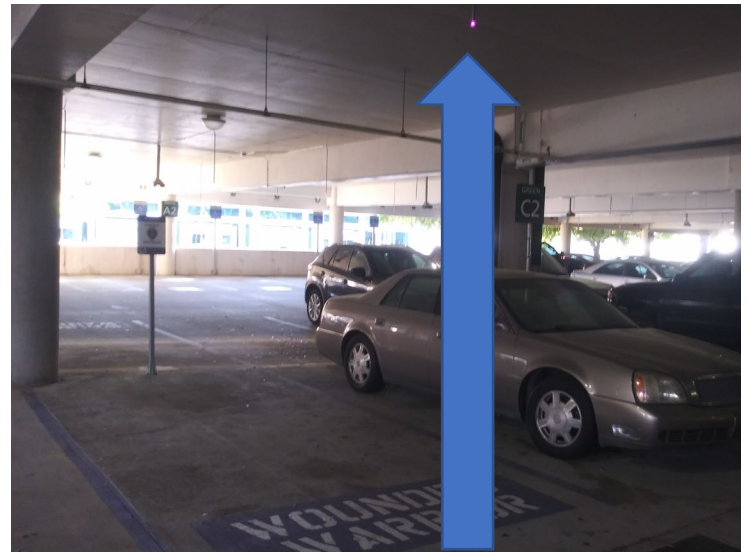
"My heroes are those who risk their lives every day to protect our world and make it a better place--police, firefighters, and members of our armed forces." -- Sidney Sheldon

Customizing a Parking Guidance System for Wounded Warriors

In response to a growing amount of traffic, Columbia Metropolitan Airport (CAE) recently awarded Parking Guidance Systems (PGS) a contract to install the INDECT parking guidance system in their 1,400 space parking structure. Prior to the installation beginning, PGS recognized the airport had been reserving parking spaces for their Wounded Warrior travelers by displaying a static sign at the front end of the space. Acknowledging the prioritization of enhancing the parking experience for Wounded Warriors, PGS developed custom digital signage that displays where Wounded Warrior travelers can find their designated parking space. Further, each Wounded Warrior can identify their reserved parking space by seeking a purple LED light down the drive aisle. The purple LED light serves as an indicator to identify Wounded Warrior parking.



The Wounded Warrior symbol and count on the end of this LED sign shows available spaces



Notice the purple LED space indicator above the Wounded Warrior parking space

*"As a **proud sponsor of Veterans in Parking**, PGS is thrilled to be able enhance the parking experience for all Wounded Warrior travelers at Columbia Metropolitan Airport. Our hope is that this will be the first of many measures taken in the parking industry to honor the individuals who have risked their lives for our country," said Dylan Prep, Regional Sales Director. All Wounded Warriors and frequent flyers at Columbia Metropolitan Airport can now feel confident that they will make their flight on time, as they'll be able to find their designated parking space quickly and efficiently.*

This article submitted by: Dylan Prep – Regional Sales Director for Parking Guidance Systems, LLC email: dylan@parkingguidancesystems.com

An Informal Chat with a Few Board Members by Nikki Cram Jeremy Duplechin (JD) Douglas Cram (DC) Mo Singh (MS)

Are you from a Military family?

JD: Yes, my Grandfather was a B-17 pilot in WWII in Europe, my father was a flight medic in the Air Force Reserves, and my sister served as an Army Nurse for 15 years.

DC: My Dad flew P-51 fighters in Europe at the end of WWII and in Korea, he was shot down over North Korea and held in a Chinese POW Camp for close to 2 years My brother Stephen served in the Navy on an aircraft carrier during Vietnam.

What skills acquired from the service have you utilized to your benefit since you left the Military?

MS: Teamwork. I think teamwork has been an essential part of my career. I've learned in the military to work with varies different individuals who come from different backgrounds.

JD: Resource and personnel management, project management, problem solving are the best work- related traits I learned.

DC: The skills that I came out of the military with were, in order of importance; 1) Discipline 2) Organizational habits 3) Exposure to multi racial and ethnic social environments.

Do you have any regrets about having left the Military?

MS: I am still in the reserves.

DC: I often think about the fact that I could have retired after 20 years in service 24 years ago. Having that pension in my back pocket would have really helped in starting my own businesses

JD: I would say I miss my brothers in arms, but I did everything I wanted to do in the Army, and I left with no regrets

What habits and practices from your Military service days do you find subconsciously “creeping” back into your life now?

DC: Use of acronyms and expressions that creep into my speech commonly and I sometimes get annoyed when people use the incorrect phonetic alphabet (i.e. A is not Apple, it is ALPHA)

JD: The dreaded Knife-Hand!! I find myself speaking in acronyms, referring to our technicians and resources as “combat power”, things like that

MS: All the habits have been great, there are many acronyms used in the military and I catch myself using or creating acronyms in the civilian workplace.

What activities and hobbies do you participate in, other than Parking of course?

JD: I cook and play bass guitar in the Houston rock band Star Fire!! Editors Note: and he's a bourbon aficionado

MS: I have my own supplement store and I love to coach individuals on healthy eating along with any nutritional needs

DC: I am an avid snow skier, I like to play some golf, kayaking and other passive water sports, drinking and learning about wines and cooking (with wine of course). Once I can travel again I have Grandkids in New England.

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