



Project Management for US Military, Military Spouses, and Veterans

Thinking about your next mission after military service? Project Management could be the perfect fit. Whether you are seeking to leverage your leadership skills, expand your career options, or earn a respected professional certification, the San Diego Chapter of the Project Management Institute (PMI-SD) is here to help.

What Is Project Management?

PMI defines a project as “a temporary endeavor undertaken to create a unique product, service, or result.” Project Management blends science and art: the technical skills to plan, schedule, and coordinate resources, and the people skills to lead teams, communicate effectively, and adapt under pressure.

Why Service Members & Veterans Excel in Project Management

Leadership and teamwork experience - Ability to work under pressure and adapt to change
- Strong communication and organizational skills - Experience coordinating diverse teams toward a mission objective

PMI Certifications That Open Doors

- Certified Associate in Project Management (CAPM): Ideal for those new to project management.
- Project Management Professional (PMP): Globally recognized standard for experienced project managers.

About the PMI San Diego Chapter

PMI-SD is a non-profit professional organization with over 2,400 members, offering networking events, mentoring, and professional development opportunities. We are committed to supporting our military community.

Benefits of PMI and PMI-SD Membership

Members of PMI have access to many resources including free access to webinars that satisfy PMP renewal requirements.

Members of the PMI San Diego local chapter have free or discounted access to many local events that create valuable learning and networking opportunities with other project management practitioners. First year of chapter membership is free for US Military and Veterans.

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Additional Certification Information & Transition Resources for U.S. Military & Veterans

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PMI Certification Eligibility Requirements

- Certified Associate in Project Management (CAPM): Requires high school graduation
 - Also 23 hours of project training
 - Project Management Professional (PMP): Requires 36 months of project management experience (with a 4-year degree)*
 - Also 35 hours of project training or CAPM certification
- *Or 60 months of project management experience without a 4-year degree

Certification — Training Support

Free resources for U.S. Military and Veterans:

- Onward to Opportunity (O2O) – Free training and exam fees for service members within 6 months of ETS
- Black Diamond Charities (BDC) – Free training and exam fees for service members, military spouses and veterans (two sessions per year; limited space)

Veteran Networking Groups, San Diego Area:

Marine Executive Association - Camp Pendleton

<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/14042714/>

NAVNET

<https://www.navnetresources.com/>

Veterans Beer Club

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/veteransbeerclub/>

Job Interview Prep / Coaching:

Candorful

<https://candorful.org/>

MilMentor — Mentoring Portal:

<https://www.milmentor.com/>

LinkedIn Group — Veteran Mentor Network:

<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/4466143/>