

Veterans As Mentors (VAMs)

Program Overview

The Veterans Employment Services Office (VESO) is committed to the retention of Veteran employees at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and, therefore, has developed a mentoring program called Veterans As Mentors (VAMs).

The VAMs program provides mentoring from creditable VA Veterans to newly hired Veterans and Military Service Members on transitioning from the military to a federal civilian workforce.

Here’s how Veteran mentors and newly hired Veterans and Military Service Members connect:

1. New Veteran and Military Service Member hires will be assigned a Veteran mentor.
2. Veteran mentors will contact the new hires within one week of being assigned.

VAMs Forum

Besides Veteran mentors, VESO has set up an online discussion site called Veterans As Mentors Forum accessible from the VA for Vets website (VAforVets.VA.gov). This communication platform allows you to post questions, responses to other people’s questions and comments.

The VAMs Forum has two categories: “Veterans As Mentors” and “Got questions on.”

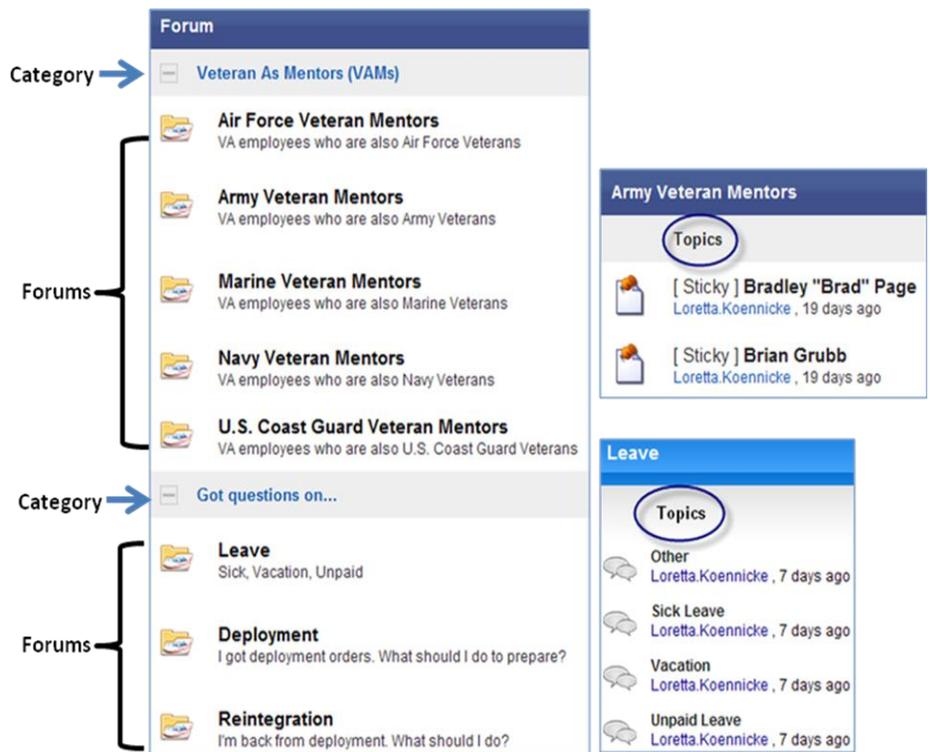
The “Veterans As Mentors” category is moderated, which means the VAMs Forum administrator needs to approve all posts. This means your post may not appear for up to 24 hours.

The “Got questions on” category is not moderated, which means your post shows up immediately.

Each category contains forums. Each forum contains topics.

You can:

- post to topics,
- tag a topic as a favorite, and
- watch forums and topics.



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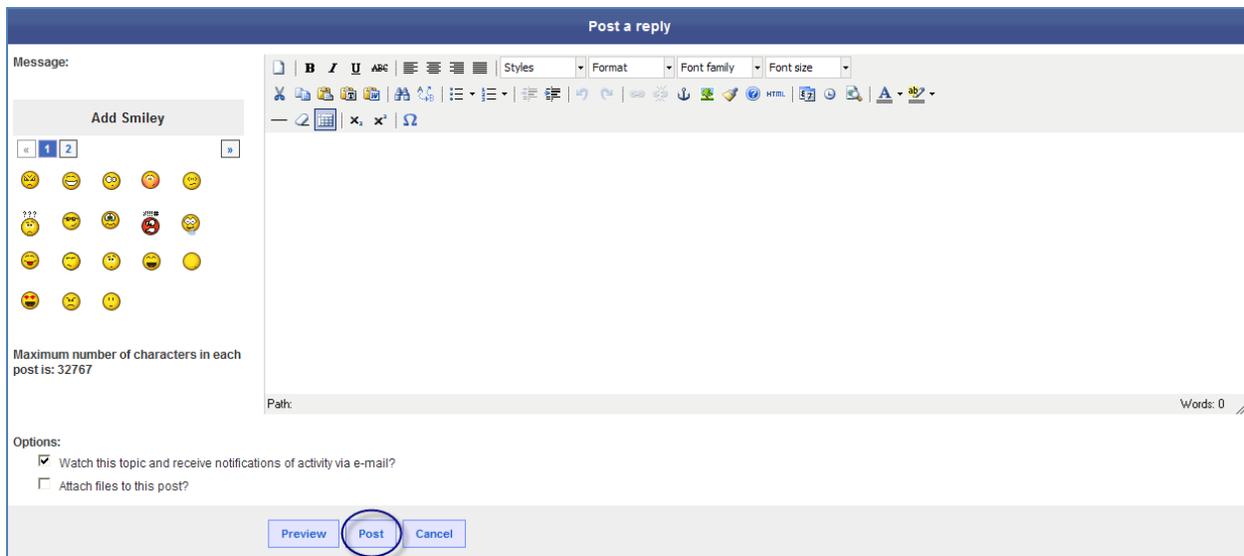
Posting a Message

You may post a message in any topic.

1. While in the topic, select **Post Reply**. A Post a reply text box appears.



2. Enter a message.



3. Select **Post**. This posts your message to the topic.

Note: If the topic is within the “Veterans As Mentors” category, you will not see your message until the moderator has approved it. Otherwise, you’ll see your message immediately.

Refer to the VAMs Forum Resource Guide for more information on using the forum.