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But, what comes next?

You become a Service Leaver; you carry out the transition to Civvy Street, you secure employment, is that it? No, as a Veteran Tiger, you have lessons to teach others…

To many Citizenship as a political ideal; being a citizen is often related to being part of a political community. Of course, being a citizen comes with certain rights as well as responsibilities. Citizenship appears simple and straightforward, not even attractive. But being a citizen is more. It is also a cultural ideal. It is imbued with a moral sense, encompassed by principles, values, and expectations that all derive from the social, historical, and cultural context of the times. The ethos of self, numero uno, Jack, erodes many of societies norms; people are losing the sense of responsibility to the needs of the many, and what it means to be a citizen.

It seems that aculture of narcissism pervades, that’s not to say that things were better in the past, but as Veteran Tigers, you may find that 'me-ism' is unattractive and alien.

There is an importance to social disparagement; it should lead to the development of a sense of community and improvement, but for many, it stops at criticism, social media provides a safe platform for many who talk a good operation, but don’t act.

Where does a Veteran Tiger feed into this? Veterans re-join Civvy Street with hard earned experiences that can be taught to others. Less of me and more of us, the value of duty, and the team. Veteran Tigers have the moral fibre to communicate these standards to others through example and explanation.

**Determination, Discipline and Dedication.**

“There are few if any, jobs in which ability alone is sufficient” - ***William B. Given, Jr.***

To be determined is to know that the task is within your capabilities. Regardless, you should be committed to being of value to colleagues, friends, community, and country.

Regardless of adversities and the harshest of circumstances, Discipline is what drives him forward.

Dedication is what gives meaning, wherever you have found yourself dedication to what is ahead makes the determination and discipline to tackle it more meaningful and subsequently successful.

**Work as a team.**

There have been many circumstances in during service as a Tiger in the PWRR which, to be sufficient and succeed, diversity must be appreciated, and the assembly of a team of very diverse individuals that work together will lead to success.

Most Veterans have gone through traumatic and even life-changing experiences together, and the importance of a team is a lesson hard learnt. Life-and-death situations, mean that external issues take the lower priority, and it is important that people unite to accomplish whatever needs to be done.

Team work is an essential building block to a successful life on any level.

**That old devil called stress.**

The stress of operational duty and making quick decisions with incomplete information against opposition which a seeks quick victory, often for commanders who demand fast results. There is no time for stress in those situations.

Take this lesson into Civvy Street when you those around you are up to their eyes in work and their ears in debt, or when you feel there's not enough time in the day to complete the task. It could be worse; stop excruciating over it and make a plan.

**The value of our Freedom.**

Today’s narcissists live without fear and more often than not care little about those around them; theirs is the culture of the selfie. Many people in Civvy Street overlook our good fortune as a nation, what it took to get there, and what is required to maintain it and preserve the right to make the simple decisions we make for ourselves, that many take for granted. Hearing it from a Veteran is the most valuable wake-up call.

**Embrace change; it's not the worst thing in the world.**

In the Army, change is inevitable; Veteran Tigers learn to cope with change and learn from it. Veterans embrace change, even if it is outside of the comfort zone. The most successful Veterans can teach how to overcome this obstacle and use it to advantage. Veteran Tigers can show that instead of obsessing over the change of plan and trying to resist it, how to learn from it, making a quick gear shift and respond to change effectively. Everyone will face drastic change at one point in their lives. It is the response to change that differentiates us.

**Appreciate your life and where you are now.**

The best thing a Veteran Tiger can teach is to appreciate where a person is at this moment in life. People have the ability to determine where life takes them. Most of that freedom wouldn't exist if it were not for Veterans and their service.

You might become a bit of a Corporal Jones from “Dads Army” as you regale people with your stories, exploits, and learning experiences, so resist the urge to start off with “When I was in the Army…” (my girlfriend rolls her eyes every time I do). People will listen to your stories they want to know, post on social media and propagate the mindset of the Army.

Veterans lead by example. There will be many people a Veteran Tiger can influence.

Veterans will encounter those trying to discourage your example and mean to discredit you and seek to serve their own ends. Down deep, they will respect you.

Others around a Veteran cannot help but be influenced so contribute positively; your country needs you.

“At the heart of a successful transition is a transition of identity; an emotional shift from being part of the Armed Forces to having a future as an individual in the civilian world.” - ***Forces in Mind 2013***

“Mobile Infantry made me the man I am today”– Starship Troopers