



MM DUSTIN STOUT

Ex-Navy technician helps other techs find their civilian niche.



TRANSITIONING TECHS.

If you're a transitioning military technician, Dustin Stout might be your ticket to a great civilian career. Stout, 31, is an active duty technician recruiter for the recruiting firm Orion International.

COMING SOON. He travels to bases to help military technicians prepare resumes, perform mock interviews and educate them on the industries and positions that may be a good fit for them.

BEEN THERE, DONE THAT. He took the same path from the Navy, where he operated and maintained the nuclear reactor's mechanical systems on Los Angeles class submarines. As rewarding as it was, there was someone who needed him more. "I chose to separate from the Navy to help take care of my daughter with special needs," he says.

RECRUITED TO RECRUIT. Stout enlisted Orion and attended one of their hiring conferences. There an Orion manager recognized the recruiting ability Stout had picked up from his shore tour on recruiting duty and offered him a job with a competitive salary.

THIS IS TOUGH. The biggest challenge for Stout is getting veterans to understand that not all companies are hiring. "I hear from veterans all the time that they have connections within a company and plan to work there," he says. "The reality of it is that if they do not have a position open, then there is no job."

Education: Associate degree, nuclear engineering technology, expected June 2015; Navy Nuclear Power School, 2003

Civilian Job: Active Duty Technician Recruiter, Orion International, Active Duty Technician Recruiter, Cary, N.C.

Age: 31



PERSONAL STATS

Military Service: Navy (2002-2013)
Highest rank: Petty Officer First Class (E-6)
Rating: MM1 (SS) Nuclear Machinist Mate

Childhood hero?
Batman

Hobbies?
Brewing beer and fishing

What about you would surprise most people?
I'm a news junkie

Quirkiest inherited trait? Talkative

Exercise you hate most?
Supermans

Favorite athlete?
Jim Kelly

Dream car?
Shelby Cobra

Favorite movie?
"Braveheart"

Favorite sandwich, plus fixings: Ham, lettuce, mayo, onions

Best concert ever? Sevendust