Day 2 Session 1: Using Digital Tools

Mininia Hawkins: ...Virtual Military Spouse Symposium. My name is Mininia Hawkins, with the Department of Defense Military Community Support Program’s office, the host for this week’s symposium. We have a special guest with us to kick off day two of the event. Everyone please welcome Ms. Kim Joyner, deputy assistant secretary of defense from Military Community and Family Policy. Welcome, Ms. Joyner.

Kim Joyner: Good morning, Mininia, and welcome military spouses. I’m so excited to be with you today, and so impressed, and actually absolutely blown away by the participation from yesterday, and we hope that that y’all are coming back today, and we have more-even more, people participating today.

My name is Kim Joyner and I am the deputy assistant secretary of defense for Military Community and Family Policy, and I know that’s a lot, a mouthful, huh? That means that my job is to take care of a team of people who are responsible for caring for the 5.2 million service members and their immediate families, and so that’s all of you.

I think it’s kind of fun to be able to see here we’ve got folks from — there’s Jessica from Bahrain — good morning, or good day to you. Folks from Hampton Roads, we’ve got other-other folks from Washington State, and I know it’s early for you out at Fort Lee. We’re just really excited to have you on with us, and it’s so impressive to me that your interest in bettering yourself during these crazy times that we’re living through right now. I just want to thank you for taking that opportunity to participate and you know find that new opportunity for yourself.

And a shout out, I’ve got my purple on today in honor of our military children. I know they’re probably not too far from where you’re doing your participation today, um, probably doing their learning, um, their remote learning so a shout out to those kids.

Um, I wanted to share with you just a little bit about my personal experience. I am a military child. I was a military child. My dad was an army officer, and so I know very personally what it is to PCS for my mother, who was a teacher, to look for a new job at a DoDEA school or in a local school. I know the stress that that causes to your family, and so our job is to make your life a little bit easier. And so that’s what we strive do each and every day.
So, for our session today I wanted to just share, we’ll cover a variety of relevant topics for military spouses at every stage of their career. We look forward to learn more about the digital tools to power your career that’s so important these days — having salary negotiations, starting your own business, top employer tips for resumes and lastly relationships. And I’m sure it’ll be helpful to practice relationship skills as we develop a new normal during these times ahead.

I’d be remiss if I didn’t acknowledge the situation we find ourselves in as we all continue to deal with the coronavirus pandemic. We are grateful we can provide the virtual professional development opportunity and encourage you to help spread the word to your military spouse friends. There are no more resilient people in the world, and so be sure to share the event with #VMSS2020.

And then I have a few requests before I close out. Continue to network with other spouses, because as you know military spouses are smart, resourceful, supportive and oh so capable, you know, you're the best of the best, and you deserve the best.

Number two, share with what you learn with those spouses who are unable to attend the symposium, so important to spread the word and encourage others to use all the available resources.

And I must, I would be remiss not to mention MilitaryOneSource.mil. I hope that everybody has Military OneSource programmed into their phones, have a number to Military OneSource right here and I want to make sure that everybody has that resource available to them, forgive me, 1-800-342-9647. And then also visit Military OneSource, www.MilitaryOneSource.mil. It’s a tremendous amount of resources available to you there so-so please be certain that you utilize those.

And the third thing like to ask is you assist newer spouses along the way. I challenge you as you climb that ladder of success throughout your careers, take a moment to, to look back and help those who are behind you. Thank you for supporting your service, supporting your service member, helping to ensure our country remains safe and secure. Thank you for all you do, thank you for joining us and good luck in your employment and education endeavors. With that, thank you for the opportunity to be with you, and I’ll turn the virtual floor back over to Mininia.

Thanks.

Mininia Hawkins: Thank you, Ms. Joyner. So, our next speaker, thank you, our next speaker is Ms. Lily Derella, the Grow with Google program manager. She’s going to discuss technical resources through Google that you can use to initiate your job search, to start your own business and even education information. Welcome, Ms. Derella.

Lily Derella: Hi, everyone. Thank you so much, Mininia, for the warm introduction. I am so excited to be here with all of you today. I cannot see you, but I can see kind of all the locations that you're coming from, so good morning, good afternoon, good evening. It's amazing that you're all here from places like Germany, England, Japan, Italy and then all across the United States — Pennsylvania, Louisiana, Arkansas,
North Carolina. I am personally tuning in from New York, so it is the morning for me here.

I just wanted to go over a couple of housekeeping things before I get started. I saw many of you answer the polling questions, so thank you for doing that. I just want to mention that at the end we will have one-pagers that you can download so that you can get all of the information that I’m covering in this presentation, and then please add your questions to the chat box and, at the end I’m gonna leave some time where I can go through all of those. So, definitely add your thoughts or any questions into the chat and then I’ll check that at the end and go over that. And the last thing is I just want to thank everybody for being here and taking the time out of your busy day, especially, you know, during this very uncertain time with the pandemic so thank you very much. I’m looking forward to get started.

So, very quickly, my name is Lily Derella and I am a program manager with Grow with Google, and I have worked at Google for a little over a year and a half on this team. So, today I’m going to cover what Grow with Google is, the tools, features and programs that we have for military spouses, and then some more specific remote resources that we have for right now.

So, at Google one of our core missions is to make sure that information serves everyone and is accessible for all and creating opportunities for everyone is one of Google’s core values. And in 2017 our CEO, Sundar, joined us to launch Grow with Google.

So, Grow with Google is an initiative to help people across the United States grow their skills, careers and businesses through free tools, trainings and events.

Grow with Google serves a wide variety of audiences so, in addition to veterans and military families, we also have resources for teachers and students, for local businesses, for jobseekers, for developers, and for startups and entrepreneurs.

So, libraries are all across the United States in big cities and small towns and they are really indispensable resources that are at the heart of their communities. And 96% of the U.S. population lives in an area that’s served in a library, which to me this was very surprising, it’s even more than a Starbucks or a McDonald’s. And libraries are really core to supporting their communities with teaching digital skills, helping with job applications or even interviewing skills. So, we knew that there was no better place to Grow with Google to be than partnering with these libraries.

So in 2019 we kicked off a 50-state tour to make sure that everyone was able to access to Grow with Google resources, and come and stop by, and learn digital skills or, you know, tips to grow your business. And we also have Googlers who will attend and do one-on-one coaching and training, as well as answer questions. And what we do is make sure that all of our events are within a two-hour drive of the main area so that it’s very accessible for all. And even beyond the tour we continue working with libraries and community leaders just to make sure that the resources can be there.
on an extended period of time and so people can come to the libraries and still access the Grow with Google resources.

So, now let’s take a closer look at some of the resources that we have for military spouses. So this is just a snapshot of what we offer and I will go into all of these a little bit more deeply, but just at a glance we have a remote work job search feature, we have short lessons around optimizing remote work and starting your own business and entrepreneurship, and then we have additional resources around learning digital skills.

So, first I’ll cover the remote job search tool. So, with Google’s remote job search tool anyone can search work-from-home jobs on Google to find meaningful, high-quality positions that can be done from anywhere. And you can also filter your location if you’re already searching for a job on Google with work from home. And it’s very important for us to make sure that they are really, you know, high-quality positions that are served. That is something that you will find when you access this tool.

And Primer is a resource that we have specifically as we’s committed to tools and resources that can help you grow your business. So, Primer is a free app that you can download on your phone. It is available on iOS and it is available on Android, and it includes quick, easy lessons on topics like creating a business plan or finding remote work. And it covers a variety of topics. There are over 200 lessons in the Primer app, so everything from, like I said, creating a business plan to optimizing your remote work to digital marketing.

And there are two custom lessons that we created with military spouses in mind. So, the first one is a mini-course around working remotely, so this includes best practices for military spouses who may be working from home, or just have a remote job, so this includes things like working remotely and productively at the same time, collaborating while working remotely, or finding or transitioning to remote work.

And the second lesson stuff that we have specifically for military spouses is online business tips for military spouse entrepreneurs, so everything including finding a business idea that’s right for you, creating your business plan and how to actually put that in writing, finding a target audience that really makes sense for your business, as well as things like budgeting and finances, social media and online advertising.

And all of these lessons, again, are free and take about five minutes at the minimum. You can really just do them in your spare time. They’re very interactive and have some activities at the end, as well. And if you do download this app to access the courses all you have to do is search ‘mil spouse’ in the app, or ‘mil spouses,’ and you will be matched with these custom courses.

The next program that I’m going to cover is another free program from Google called Applied Digital Skills. So, Applied Digital Skills is really for anyone who is interested in developing career or business skills. So, it’s a set of three video-based
lessons that prepare learners of all ages for the growing number of jobs that require basic digital skills. So, in addition to adult learners, we also have courses for middle-schoolers, and high-schoolers and teachers actually use Applied Digital Skills in their classroom, so this is really available for everyone. And lessons really run the gamut. We encourage you to look at the full curriculum that’s available here to really see what aligns with your goals.

So, just some examples of the lessons that we have on Applied Digital Skills, so lessons around using Google to get a new job, starting a resume and how to build that, connecting and collaborating anywhere with digital tools. So, this is a course that’s specific around if you’re a remote worker or you work from home, and then on the business side, if you’re an entrepreneur or you own your own business, there are lessons around preparing for your business plan, building your online business, managing a project with digital tools. And courses really range in terms of the amount of time they take, so we have some lessons that take around 45 to 90 minutes, and then there are some longer lessons that could take anywhere from four hours upwards of nine hours. And again, these are just very self-paced, so you can always pop in and pop out while you’re working on them, but they’re really meant just to support you in developing your digital skills, your career and your business skills.

The next program that I’m going to cover that Grow with Google offers is our IT Support Professional Certificate. So, the IT Support Professional Certificate is a program that was developed by Google, and lives on Coursera, and it’s really meant to take anyone from novice to career ready in less than six months when dedicating eight to ten hours a week. And I will say that we do say less than six months, but we have seen people complete this in as little as one to two months, or even longer, it really just depends on the amount of time that you can dedicate to it.

And Grow with Google also offers scholarships for military spouses through the Institute for Veterans and Military Families, IVMF, as well as the USO. And scholarships are available for veterans, as well. And we also have the Google IT Support Professional Certificate listed as a scholarship opportunity on the Department of Defense’s Spouse Education and Career Opportunities scholarship database, so MySECO. So, if you navigate to that tool you will be able to find and apply for a scholarship right then and there.

And we also want to make sure that anyone who completes this course has access to roles in the IT support industry, so Google works with a whole suite of employers, there are over 40 employers who are part of our hiring consortium, and this includes companies like Bank of America, Walmart, Sprint, Home Depot, PNC Bank, H&R Block, Hulu, General Electric and many, many more — these are only just a small selection of companies that are part of the consortium.

And just to share with you just some impact around the IT support professional certificate, so, 84% of learners who take the course report a career impact within six months like getting a raise at their job, or getting a new job, starting a new business
or just improving their ability to get a new role or get a promotion and things like that.

The next program that I’ll talk about is Google's Grasshopper app. So, Grasshopper is a free app from Google, again, it’s available on iOS or Android so you can download it right to your phone if you’re interested in learning about coding. So, it’s quick easy lessons on your phone that help you learn and understand coding without having any previous experience.

So, basically, when you use this app it can teach you how to write real JavaScript and you can learn in as little as five minutes a day or longer and you can complete lessons, quizzes and visual puzzles that will really help you build your coding skills. And as you move through this course it adds more challenging levels as you progress and develop your learning with the Grasshopper app. And once you’re completed with the lessons you will graduate with fundamental programming skills.

The next thing that I want to cover is our Grow with Google Partner Program. So, for any of you who are tuned in today who might work for a non-profit, or perhaps own your own nonprofit organization, or even if you work in education or community colleges, you will be able to utilize the Grow with Google Partner Program. So, what we want to make sure it’s just that everyone has access to our resources.

So, you can apply to become a Grow with Google partner by accessing grow.google/partners and just applying to become one, and it’s free for anyone who wants to join, and we really just want to make sure that any nonprofit or education has access to our free resources that can teach people digital skills to help you grow your careers and businesses. So, if you do become a partner you can access all of these tools and that includes things like webinars, and training that’s kind of similar to the one I’m presenting right now, as well as one-pagers, and it empowers you to even host your own events in your communities.

So, the last bucket of things that I wanted to cover off on just before we move into Q&A is resources that we’ve developed around, in response to coronavirus. So, all around adapting to a more remote environment. So, recently Grow with Google launched our remote hub.

So, our remote work hub is available at grow.google/remote and it includes resources and free tools that can help your own teams work smoothly, and help you really stay connected to the communities that you serve. So, if you access our remote work hub you will find information on how to work from anywhere. So, best practices for effective communication and collaboration while you’re working remotely or meeting the video conferencing, teaching from anywhere. So, if you’re supporting virtual learning and hosting workshops, using collaborative tools, as well as learn from anywhere, so sharing training content through digital resources so the other people in your community can access online courses and curriculum.

So, just to expand a little bit more around the tools and resources that we have on the remote work hub. So, teaching from anywhere, so if you are any teacher who
might be recently transitioning to teaching your students from home you can access information and tools that will help educators teach from home, exploring distance learning resources, learning how to use digital tools in your lesson plans, sharing information by creating an interactive presentation, testing your students by creating a quiz in Google Forms, and using comments on Google Docs to give feedback on work.

And the next one is learning from anywhere, so getting organized with Google Drive, learning to use spreadsheets for projects, tracking due dates and tasks in Gmail, tips to keep you on track as you study at home, taking bite-sized marketing and business lessons, and begin-beginning to code through quick lessons on your phone.

And I know that many of you likely have children who might be home right now doing their school, so many of you may be now educators yourself, even if you weren’t a teacher before, so definitely we encourage you to check out some of these resources and hope that they will be helpful to you or your children, if you have kids.

And then the last buckets are work from anywhere, like I mentioned, and I know that many of you likely may have already had work from home jobs, or remote work, so we just want to make sure that you are aware of these. So, communicating effectively from wherever you are, learning to schedule, prepare for and run a successful meeting, how to hold a meeting via videoconference and best practices that go along with that, tips and tricks for effective remote work, and creating, sharing and coediting documents and presentations using Google Drive, Google Sheets, Google Docs, Google Slides, etc.

And then the last bucket is just managing your business from anywhere. So, resources really to help your business manage through uncertainty right now, giving your business an online presence and how to grow that, keeping your customers informed through Google My Business and brainstorming ideas in a group. So, those are the resources that are available on grow.Google/remote.

We also have a new site for small businesses to manage during this time, so this includes additional tips and recommendations to navigate this time of uncertainty for your employers and for your customers. So this website just includes some reminders of things that you can do right now if you are a business owner, so providing updated information in your Google My Business profile, using posts to communicate information directly on your business profile on Google, like any special offers or inventory updates, and then updating your store contact information for employees, vendors and clients so it’s accessible from any device.

And some of you may not be business owners yourself, but perhaps you know other business owners in your community, and some of this these resources may be helpful for you.

So, that is everything that I have for my presentation today. I just want to thank you all so much for your time. I know we shared a lot today so we definitely encourage
you to download those one-pagers at the end so that you can see all of the resources that we have, and also would love to hear from everyone, um, in the poll right now on whether you feel like you’ve new tools to get started on a journey either starting your own business, or getting a remote job, or even pursuing a digital-additional education for a new career. So, I’ll just give everybody a couple of minutes to respond there and then I will switch over to the general chat box and I will start answering questions.

So, please feel free to add stuff. I’ll start from the top just to see that everyone has been added.

Mininia Hawkins: Also, Lily, I have been taking some of those questions as well, so I can just read them off to you if it would be easier that way, or if you would like to scroll through, just let me know.

Lily Derella: OK, thank you, Mininia. I am-I’m going through right now, so I think I can just read some and that should be fine.

Mininia Hawkins: OK, great.

Lily Derella: OK, so let’s see. Are there any limitations of who can apply to any of these programs offered? No, there are not any limitations, and these programs that I covered are all free tools and resources, so anyone can access them and just learn more, but no, there are no limitations in terms of who can apply.

Is Grasshopper specifically JavaScript? Yes, specifically in the app it is JavaScript lessons. There may be some other things, I would definitely encourage you to check it out and just see, you know, sort of how the levels progress, but it teaches you JavaScript.

How can I access additional information for Grasshoppper coding? Since I was just talking about Grasshopper, I’ll take this one too. So, if you-you should have information in the one-pagers, but you can just search if you have an iPhone, or an Android phone, or even just, like, on your computer if you just type in in the App Store ‘Grasshopper,’ or if you just search online, like, Google ‘Grasshopper app,’ you should be able to just access that, and see how you can download, and read a little bit more about it. There’s a website for Grasshopper, as well, so just search it and you should find it.

Do these programs mentioned come with a cost? So, the majority of programs that I mentioned, so, like, Applied Digital Skills, Primer and some others, so they’re all free programs that you can use. I will say the only program that would come with the cost would be the IT Support Professional Certificate, so if you do not access the IT Support Professional Certificate with a scholarship, which would make it free, the program cost $49 per month, and it’s charged per month because it’s self-paced, so really you just, you know, take the program for as long as you need and pay-pay for it per month. But, like I mentioned, we have scholarships for military spouses.
through the Institute for Veterans and Military Families, and the USO and you can use MySECO to apply for the scholarship, too.

I know Google offers certifications for AdWords and Analytics. Are there any additional specialized certifications for digital marketers? Yes, Google does offer additional certifications through AdWords, and Analytics and digital marketing. You should be able to navigate to some of those if you access the Grow with Google webpage, specifically around business resources. So, if you go to the Small Business page, it lists sort of the additional courses and lessons that you can take around those topics.

Is there something special that we can add to the search string to search for remote jobs that return the high quality jobs that you mentioned? Are the job somehow filtered to remove scams? Just wondering if this is similar to FlexJobs’ service. Um, thank you, Christine, for that question. So, the way that the remote job search tool is built on Google is that it just returns high-quality jobs and is specifically designed to weed out any of those scams that sometimes are seen with other remote job search tools. So, just keep in mind this was something very important to the team that was building the product, to make sure that any sort of, like, spammy or scammy jobs are weeded out, so you wouldn’t have those when you use the Google remote job search tool.

Question from Amanda on where are the one-pagers? Mininia, I believe they will be accessible at the very end of the presentation, is that correct?

**Mininia Hawkins:** Yes, that is correct. They will be accessible at the end when we go to that format, so after the Q&A portion, those slides will be available, and those handouts.

**Lily Derella:** Awesome, thank you. Ok, let’s see, other questions. Um, question from Kippy. When searching for remote positions does one have to include a region in the search bar? Um, so I believe you’re probably asking if you are searching for a remote position, whether you would have to add, like, if you're in the United States, or in another country. So, when you're doing Google job search, if it is a remote position it would show you everything from everywhere. Um, you will likely be able to see, for example, like where the company is based, say it was like the company based in New York, but the position was remote, so in the job search tool it will give you all of that information.

Um, question from Jessie. Can I get the info for the Google IT Support Professional Certificate and where can I review it? So, there will be information available about that program in the one-pagers, and if you also just go to grow.Google/military spouses, the URL that’s listed on this slide, you will also be able to access information about that course, and read a little bit more about it, and go more in depth with that.

Um, from Tammy. Do you have any scholarships for veteran spouses? Yes, I would definitely encourage you to check out IVMF, as there are scholarships available.
OK, let’s see, other questions — from Sheryl. Does Google need trainers, teachers at the libraries? Is there a separate program for that? I love libraries and it has always been my go-to place for information in my travels, or do you train librarians? This is a really great question. Thank you, Sheryl. So, on our library tour Grow with Google works directly with the libraries and the staff that are already there within those libraries. Um, what we make sure to train the library staff who is employed there, we call it train the trainer, so we make sure to train them so that when Grow with Google does leave, anyone could just go into the library and continue learning about the resources that Grow with Google offers.

Um, Question from Carolyn. This is around the Primer app that I mentioned, which is specifically around marketing and business resources. So, where do we find the mil spouse app you described. I searched in the App Store with no luck. Um, so, again, more information will be available on the one-pager, but first you have to download the Primer app. So if you go into the App Store, um, and download Primer, once you have that app then there is a little search section within that app where you could type in ‘mil spouse’ or ‘mil spouses’ and then you’ll have access to those custom courses. And, more broadly, when you download Primer you’ll have access to everything, more than 200 lessons.

Question from Brandy. Are there courses for G Suite, Google Docs and Google Cloud? Yes, I will take this in two parts. So, courses specifically for G Suite and Google Docs, you can learn all about that through Google’s Applied Digital Skills program. So, Google’s Applied Digital Skills program will cover everything around G Suite and using Google Docs, Google Slides, Google Sheets. It’s really meant to help people become experts in digital skills, um, and using some of Google’s products like G Suite and Google Docs. And then on the Google Cloud side there are certifications through Google Cloud and then there are also, like, training courses that you can take if you do or did want to become Google Cloud certified, so those are courses that you can take to help you prepare for some of the certificates. So, if you search just like Google Cloud certificates you would be able to access that, like, just in your browser.

OK, let’s see, what else? Yeah, question from Tiffany — good question. Where is the remote job search tool? So, this is in Google search. So, if you just go to Google.com and you type in ‘remote jobs’ or you type in ‘work from home jobs,’ the remote job search tool will just, like, show up in your browser. So similar to the way that you just search for jobs on Google, like you could type in ‘marketing job near me,’ if you just type in ‘work from home jobs’ you’ll see that search tool pop up. And then if you are just using the regular, like, Google job search tool normally, where you would add, like, you know there’s a little filter button that would say, like, locations? So, you’ll see one that says, like, ‘work from home jobs’ or, you know, Alabama or Italy, things like that.

OK, I hit the bottom of the chat, but I see more people typing so I’ll see if more questions show up. I see another question around online business tips. I think this is specifically around Primer, but just more broadly the small business tips that Google offers. So it does give information for thousands of small businesses regarding taxes,
filing your taxes, different types of businesses, LLC’s, etc. Yes, so I actually- I don't know specifically around, like, the taxes pieces, but I know that there are a lot of resources when it comes to finances and budgeting and things like that. So, I would definitely encourage you to check out those programs, or if you just go to the Grow with Google website, the link that’s on the slide I’m showing here, you’ll be able to navigate to the small business section I mean you can see everything that Grow with Google offers relating to that.

Um, there is a question from Facebook. Any opportunities that focus on bilingual skills? So, I'm not sure if your question is asking, like, teaching Spanish specifically, or lessons that are available in Spanish? But, yes, Grow with Google does have our resources all translated into Spanish so there is a Grow with Google page that is available in Spanish and then a lot of the resources, like, um, Applied Digital Skills, those are available in Spanish, too.

Question from Cynthia. Uh, you spoke about nonprofits and I missed that part. Can you elaborate, please? Yes, absolutely. So, the piece that I was specifically talking about in relation to nonprofits was our Grow with Google Partner Program. So, the Grow with Google Partner Program is available for nonprofits to sign up and become, like, a partner to Grow with Google. So, if any representative from a nonprofit shows up and applied to the Grow with Google Partner Program, then they will have access to all of the resources that I covered today, so they can share those with their members, or people that they work with, and also, you know, have access to the one-pagers and different kind of, like, training decks and webinars. Um, it’s really just to make sure that nonprofits can access all of our resources for free and share anything that would be helpful with their members.

OK, let’s see, any other questions? I’m just looking through the couple of chat boxes. OK, let’s see. Do the Primer courses provide end of course certificates and those are those professionally valuable? Um, so, when you do complete the Primer courses you will have, like, a, you know, completed type of thing, um, I would say are they professionally valuable? I would say yes. These are made-these are made to help you grow your digital skills and grow your small business skills across, like, including marketing and stuff like that, um, so they’re definitely meant to help you, like, up skill and learn new things that would help you professionally. And, again, like, they’re short 5-minute lessons and we have over 200 of them, and so you can take, like, as many or as little as you want based on, like, what you’re looking for and looking to get out of it.

The only thing, a question from Kaitlyn, the only thing I’m seeing is Careers.Google.com. Where do you find the remote job search tool? Um, so, two key differences for that, Kaitlyn, and great question, so careers.Google.com is where you’ll be able to see jobs specifically at Google that you can apply for, but the remote job search tool is in, like, Google.com, and that search tool is meant to point you to all companies that are hiring work from home positions. So, this-the remote job search tool is not specific to Google.
Yes, and I see that the one-pagers have been added now so you should be able to access that, so that’s the one-pager on the Primer app that I was talking about, Applied Digital Skills, and then just more broadly a military spouse one-pager that includes information about, like, the IT Support Professional Certificate and others.

OK, let’s see if I missed any other questions. I have about 10 minutes left if anybody has additional questions. Um, I do see a question on Google Educators Certification, from Nicole, on whether there are any discounts for military spouses, um, for that certification specifically. So, I actually, I’m not able to respond directly on that. That’s a different program, um, outside of Grow with Google, but, so I’m actually not aware if there are any discounts available for that, but I would definitely just encourage you to just keep kind of researching as there may be some that I’m just unaware of.

From Consuelo — is work anywhere a real website to apply for Google remote jobs? So, if this is the question around, um, I think any, like, jobs that are available through Google specifically, I would just encourage you to check out the Google Careers page which is available at careers.Google.com, and I can type that into the chat box, too. OK, Mininia beat me to it. Thank you, Mininia.

Question from Kippy. Are there additional scholarships other than IVMF? Yes, there are additional scholarships other than IVMF, so for veterans and military spouses, the USO and IVMF are places you can check those out, um, but more broadly if you go to the Grow with Google, um, website you’ll see other nonprofits that offer scholarships for anyone to take advantage of, um, even if you are a military spouse you could still access those other ones, but definitely check out the Grow with Google website where you can see all of that information about scholarships and applying for that.

Um, question from Erica. Can you let me know where to find certifications again, please? Yes, so the Grow with Google webpage will have, um, everything around that and then for other certifications around, you know, like, business-related ones, that will be in our small business section of the Grow with Google website.

OK, let’s see, I’ve got about five minutes left. Just looking for additional questions and I just want to say thank you so much to everyone. These are awesome questions and I’m so glad also to see that some people are saying these will even be helpful to their kids, um, and stuff like that so I’m-I’m so glad to hear that.

Um, question from Ashley. Is there a way to connect with you on LinkedIn or otherwise? Yes, you can all feel free to add me on LinkedIn and connect with me there. Lily Derella is my name. Um, you should find me on there so definitely feel free to connect with me.

Let me see, looking through Kaitlyn’s question. I just have one, users need only to type their field of work and work from home or a similar phrase into the search box to pull out jobs that can be done remotely. Yes, so the search bar will do this all automatically, so if you type in ‘work from home jobs ‘or ‘remote-remote jobs’
Google search will automatically, like, populate the jobs that are available to be done work from home.

**Mininia Hawkins:** OK, Lily, it looks like our questions are slowing down.

**Lily Derella:** Yeah.

**Mininia Hawkins:** If-if you have any last words of advice when navigating the entire goal-Grow with Google suite, or think, or if there's just one thing you could leave us with, what would it be?

**Lily Derella:** Yes, absolutely. That was a great question and I know that we have, well, one, we have a lot of different products and tools and resources, but something that we want to you know — definitely keep in mind with Grow with Google is that we have things available for everyone, no matter where they are. So, I think if, you-know, sort of, come to Google and you say, like, OK, I’m looking for a job or I’m specifically, you know, looking to learn new digital skills, or I am looking to start or grow my business, if you go to the Grow with Google website you will see things related to all of those topics and it's very easy to navigate stuff from there. So, definitely if you are, like, overwhelmed with all the resources that I've shared just go to the Grow with Google website and you can see, you know, all of the tools and be able to, sort of, just like, parse through everything that we have, and I hope that everybody will be able to at least take something away from this and use it to help them in their careers.

**Mininia Hawkins:** Well thank you much for that information and thank you for all of the information that you have provided in today's session. I think we all have learned something about the technology, about the opportunities and I know that everyone in the presentation today will follow up. And please, again, feel free to reach out to Ms. Derella on LinkedIn and follow her there. So, again, thank you everyone for attending today's session.

Most of you have probably already downloaded the handouts from the session, but they are in the top left-hand corner and please highlight the documents to download them and the items will download to your computer in a compressed file. If you are connecting with a mobile device and are unable to download the file successfully you may enter your email address into the ‘trouble with downloads’ chat pod to receive the material after the event. If you have trouble, please let us know in the ‘need technical assistance’ chat pod. In the ‘weblink’ pod you will find two links.

The first link is for the session survey. Please, please provide your feedback on your experience today and the second link is where you can download your certificate of appreciate-of participation. So, again, this concludes our presentation today but please join us at 10 a.m. Eastern Time for, “Is Your Vision Owning Your Own Business?” You will hear from a representative from the Small Business Administration, and also a military spouse business owner, you don’t want to miss out on this session.
So, again, Lily, thank you for all of the great information. Thank you, everyone, for joining today's presentation and we will see you at 10 o'clock. Have a great day.

**Lily Derella:** Thanks-thank you, everyone. Have a good day.