

## Emergency Announcement: False Open-Source "Hire Military Heroes":

Good Morning Marines and Sailors of SOI-W,

The HQMC UPFRP Family Readiness Team sent me this message for distribution.

Recently, the following Open Source Intelligence was posted:

A fake veteran website called "Hire Military Heroes", >>[http://hiremilitaryheroes\[.\]com](http://hiremilitaryheroes[.]com)<<, have been recently reported attempting to take advantage of Americans who may be seeking a job, especially military veterans. The web address is strikingly close to the legitimate web service from the US Chamber of Commerce >><https://www.hiringourheroes.org> <<https://www.hiringourheroes.org/>> <<.

When accessing the website, it contains three links and a desktop app. The app is a fake installer and while telling you it errored out, it actually ran a test connection to Google and downloaded a Remote Administration Tool (RAT) that talks to the Malicious Actors command and control (C2) server. The RAT is used to steal sensitive data about you and monitor your activities.

Key indicators for avoiding being a victim:

- \* The web address (<http://>) does not have a public identifiable certificate or may have one but it is self-signed or invalid.
- \* The website ask or requires you to install an application, a plugin, or execute a script. The computer asks you if this is "Ok" because it detects the behavior as an anomaly.
- \* Not every result from search engines are real. Malicious Actors utilizes search engines to inject false information. Contact your counselors from the Military Family Service Center or DAV (if applicable) for legitimate websites to search for jobs.

Please forward this message to any DRC/URC that currently does not receive these announcements that does not have gear locker access or is experiencing gear locker access issue.

Thank you,  
HQ Family Readiness

Have a great Day!

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