This longitudinal study has followed nineteen Swedish service members as they have transitioned from military to civilian life and grappled with their own questions of losing profound military identities, communities, meanings, and purposes in life, in addition to exploring alternate cultural identities. The empirical findings present alternate ways of reconsidering the uniform through new and/or preexisting identities. The findings also served as the foundation for the construction of a contextual theological theory on transition from military to civilian life which elaborates upon spiritual depths of life. Challenges in transition from military to civilian life include addressing and answering the existential and implicit religious dimensions in the process and likewise connecting spiritual depths of life to the evolution of the process.

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