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# Veterans' Newsletter

March 2019

The purpose of this newsletter is to inform veterans of the various programs, workshops and services available to the veteran community, along with items of interest. Each issue will strive to keep veterans apprised of any changes in state and federal veterans' programs, along with events occurring locally. Your feedback on what you would like to see covered will always be welcomed.

## News from the AD Works VETS Program

### **Veteran ONLY Networking Event at AD Works!**

This monthly event is designed to place highly qualified veteran job seekers and military spouses in front of employers that are hiring. The environment is informal so that the veterans and spouses can be given immediate feedback on their networking skills, resume quality, and qualifications for the available jobs. It is less of a job fair, and more of an instructional job skill development workshop. The next Networking Event for will be held on March 26th from 930am to Noon at the Centennial offices of AD Works! Please contact Regional Veteran Employment Representative, Marty Bangert at 303 636-1253, to answer your questions and or to reserve a seat.

### **The Vets' Corner**

The AD Works! Workforce Center has a designated area for veteran related information, to include, job fair postings, reading material from the various military related organizations, like the American Legion, VFW, and the DAV. Vets' can also find contact information for other resources in addition to employment opportunities.



## **VA News**

### **Vet Success on Campus**

The Vet Success on Campus (VSOC) program helps service members, veterans and eligible dependents succeed in their educational goals. The program provides on campus benefits assistance and counseling. The goals of the program are to help participants complete their education and help participants move on to viable careers.

The VSOC program is administered by VA's Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment program. Participants in VSOC receive a wide range of educational and vocational counseling services to include: career path guidance, VA benefit counseling, and career counseling.

For more information, call 800 827-1000 or visit <https://www.benefits.va.gov/vocrehab/vsoc.asp>.



## **In Other Veteran Related News**

### **Apple Announces Health Records Feature Coming to Veterans**

Working with the Dept. of Veterans Affairs, Apple announced that the health records on iPhone feature will be available soon to veterans.



For the first time, Veterans receiving care through the Veterans Health Administration will be able to securely view their aggregated health records directly in the Health App on their iPhone.



With Health Records on iPhone, veterans across the US will be able to see medical information from participating institutions, including the VA, organized into one view all in the Health App.

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Health records data includes allergies, immunizations, lab results, medications, and is displayed along with other information in the Health App like Apple Watch data.

## **World War II Veteran gets 50,000 Birthday Cards After Daughter's Plea**

**By Travis Fedschun**

A 96 year old World War II veteran will be spending plenty of time with family going through a mountain of birthday cards, after a request from his daughter on Facebook went viral.

Sue Morse had put out a request for friends to send birthday wishes to her father and Purple Heart Medal recipient Duane Sherman, expecting she would maybe receive 160 cards. Instead he received over 50, 000, “I was amazed, shocked and appreciative,” Sherman told the Orange County Register. Sherman’s wife of 57 years, Lois, died in 2011. His daughter told the Register the only mail her dad receives most days are just bills, and he has outlived most of his friends. “I wanted him to feel special on his birthday,” Morse said. Sherman enlisted in the Navy shortly after Pearl Harbor was attacked on Dec. 7, 1941. He was stationed aboard the U.S.S. Lamson (DD 367), a destroyer that saw several battles in the Pacific.

## **Job Search Advice**

**Keep Your Job Search Proactive – Follow Up!**

**By Corporate Gray Newsletter**

After applying for a position, don’t wait for the phone to ring or the emails to come pouring in. Follow up! Take the initiative to see where you stand. We don’t mean stalking or harassing anyone, just a friendly email, voicemail, or letter to check on the progress of your application.



During an interview, be sure to ask for their decision timeline, and then follow up with a friendly reminder that reinforces your interest in the job.

Take the time to tailor and personalize the letter or email. Also, consider sending an updated, customized resume that better aligns with the opportunity, now that you have learned more about the job.

### **Significant days and observances for the United States Armed Forces in March.**

**March 3rd – Navy Reserves Birthday** - The Navy Reserves was formed in response to the outbreak of World War I under President Woodrow Wilson’s administration on March 3, 1915

**March 15th – American Legion’s Birthday** – The American Legion was chartered by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veteran’s organization. Focusing on service to veterans, service members and communities.

**March 19th – National Day of Honor** – On March 19, 2012, President Barack Obama proclaimed this day as a celebration to honor the success, service and sacrifice of all service men and women of U.S. Armed Forces returning from Iraq.

**March 30th – Welcome Home Veterans Day** - This day marks the historic withdrawal of United States troops from Vietnam on March 30, 1973.

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## **We are here for you**

We view this newsletter as a way to talk to veterans and find out what their needs are. I, along with the other members of the Arapahoe/Douglas Works VETS team are here for you. If you would like more information on the veteran services available at our Workforce Center, please contact one of us:

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