



Veterans' Newsletter

September 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 Networking Event for January will be held on September 24th from 930 am to 1230pm 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

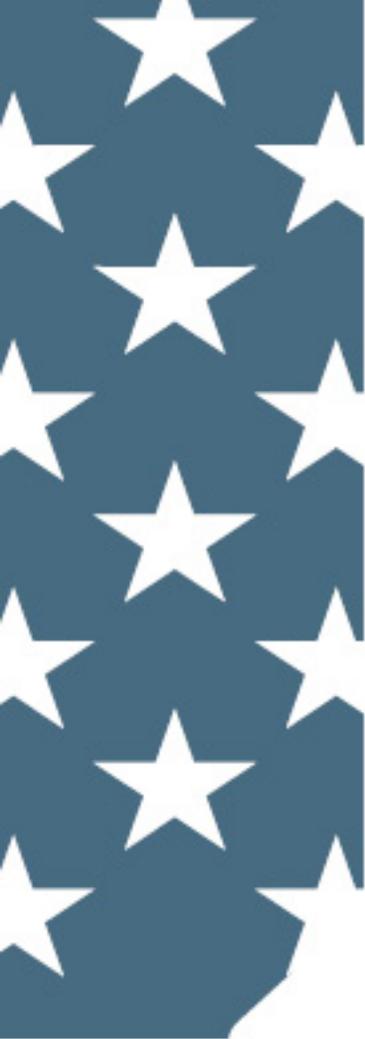
Go back to school with the GI Bill!

VA education benefits help Veterans, service members, and their qualified family members with needs like paying college tuition, finding the right school or training program, and getting career counseling. Learn more about the GI Bill benefits you have earned by going to www.VA.gov.

Serenity, Connection and Free Fly Fishing

On the waterways of our great nation, Veterans hardened from service and sacrifice, are feeling peace, joy and an emotional connection – often for the first time in a long time.

Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing (PHWFF) provides basic fly fishing, fly casting, fly tying and rod building classes to both Veterans who have never fly fished before, and seasoned anglers. Fishing trips, both one day and multi-day, are provided free of charge to participants, including all fly fishing and tying equipment. PHWFF is dedicated to the physical and emotional rehabilitation of injured and



disabled Veterans through fly fishing and associated activities including education and outings. But, PHWFF transcends fly fishing. The organization builds relationships and fosters communities for Veterans and outdoor enthusiasts. To join the PHWFF program in creating a strong, supportive community connected through shared experiences, camaraderie, and challenges of the rod, reel, and line, visit the PHWFF homepage: <https://projecthealingwaters.org>

In Other Veteran Related News

2019 Caregiver Resource Directory Released

The Department of Defense has released the 2019 Caregiver Resource Directory (CRD), and it is ready for download. The annual update includes 114 pages of information on resources and programs, including those that assist caregivers of wounded, ill and injured Veterans and service members.

The CRD is an enriched source of information, to include childcare, education and training, healthcare needs, legal assistance, rest and relaxation, peer support, mentoring, and so much more. The Directory is essentially a one stop shop for questions and concerns for those who are new to being caregivers.

The resources provided in the CRD have gone through a rigorous review and vetting process so the Veterans, service members and caregivers receive accurate, timely, and pertinent information. The guide is available 24/7. And is available in Spanish. The guide use icons to assist with



quickly accessing VA and DOD programs and non-profit organizations. The CRD is also a good source for info on self-care programs and for respite assistance. To download a digital copy of the CRD or to request a hard copy, please go to:

<https://warriorcare.dodlive.mil/caregiver-resources>

Job Search Advice

Mistakes to Sidestep at a Job Fair

By Rob Riggins

Recruiters and hiring managers were asked about the behaviors they see at job fairs that hurt the job seekers' hiring chances. Here are some of the responses that were provided.

1. Thinking “The World is my oyster, this is a cake walk.” The unemployment rate is low and if you have the skills that are in high demand this may be an ego stroking experience. But you still have a job to do. You need to do your research and find out as much about the companies you are interested in and develop questions to ask their representatives.

2. Being Open to Any Position

Are you someone who applies for 20 different unrelated jobs at a single company? Many recruiters see that and assume you have no idea what you want to do, so they aren't going to contact you for anything. Figure out specific positions you are interested in, do not rely on a



recruiter to determine what you should be doing with your life.

3. Not Greeting the Employer

Some job seekers walk up to a booth, hand over their resume, and stand silently. Job fairs may scare you or make you really nervous. However, you are there to sell yourself, and your interaction with a company at a job fair is an interview, so introduce yourself with confidence.

4. Scolding the Company Representative

Maybe you don't like the online application process, or the job posting you are interested in is not written the way you like, so you feel entitled to lecture the company representative about the error of their company's ways. The person you are talking to may be able to help you and be your champion, but chastising them is rarely a strategy for success. Be polite, patient, and above all, professional.



Significant days and observances for the United States Armed Forces in September

11th September Patriot Day (9/11 Remembrance Day)



Patriot Day, observed as the National Day of Service and Remembrance occurring on September 11th of each year for the 2,977 people in the United States killed in the terrorist attack.



A vertical graphic on the left side of the page, featuring a blue field with white stars and red horizontal stripes, resembling the American flag.

17th September Constitution Day

Established on September 17, 1787 when delegates to the Constitutional Convention signed the document in Philadelphia.

18th September U.S. Air Force Birthday

The United States Air Force became a separate military service on this date in 1947.

National POW/MIA Recognition Day

The National POW/MIA Recognition Day is observed on the third Friday in September to honor those who were prisoners of war and those who are still missing in action.

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:

Dave Alred DAired@arapahoegov.com or at
303 636-1596

Lavade Lanier LLanier@arapahoegov.com or at
303 636-1302