

Hiring Heroes Career Fair to offer hundreds of jobs to Vets, Wounded Warriors

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WASHINGTON, D.C. - Wounded Warriors, Veterans and their spouses are invited to attend the Department of the Navy's 7th annual Veteran and Wounded Warrior Hiring and Support Summit Wednesday, May 24, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Seattle Airport in Seattle, Washington.

This portion of the summit, the Hiring Heroes Career Fair, will feature more than 65 government and civilian employers offering positions in the local area and around the country. Attendees are encouraged to bring their resumes, but it is not a requirement.

For active-duty service members transitioning to a civilian career, translating military skills into a salable resume is an important part of their job search. The Hiring Heroes Career Fair Lead, Vernita Anderson-Manning, recommends that service members take full advantage of the DoD Transition Assistance Program (TAP), a program that provides information, tools, resume writing skills and training to ensure Service members and their spouses are prepared for the next step in civilian life, whether pursuing additional education, finding a job in government, public or private sector, or starting their own business. For information about TAP, please visit: www.dodtap.mil. Additionally, she recommends www.goddefense.com as a great resource for job seekers.

"Writing that first resume can be a challenge," said Karen Hannah, DoD Hiring Heroes director, "but there are plenty of resources to help those who need it." Hannah, who also conducts seminars on understanding the federal employment process, says that presenting a resume with clear language that applies to and can be understood by potential civilian employers is a giant first step in the job search process. Hannah's team of career advisors is available to provide job search assistance Monday through Friday via a toll-free number: 1-888-363-4872 or by email at DoDHiringHeroes@mail.mil.

Caitlin Williams serves the deputy program manager for Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) Veteran and Wounded Warrior Program Office. Williams said last year's conference in Tampa, Florida, resulted in more than 200 job offers for post-military employment, and they're anticipating more this at this year's summit. NAVSEA, which includes both the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and the Naval Undersea Warfare Center Keyport, plans to hire more than 800 new employees this year.

"The first step in getting information about these jobs is to create an online profile at USA jobs (www.USAjobs.gov), said Williams. "It takes a few minutes, but once you set up your profile, it's pretty easy to manage and get alerts on the available jobs."

For those veterans who don't plan to apply for federal jobs, Williams says this link is still a valuable place to start. The site includes an online resume builder that can serve as a template for civilian employers, too.

Other online resources for veterans include the United Service Organizations (USO), offering a full range of mentoring and transition services
<https://www.uso.org/programs/uso-transition-services>.

"You don't need a resume to attend the summit," said Williams. "We'll have more than 65 federal and civilian employers on site, and we encourage both active-duty and veterans to come and visit and ask questions. Whether they're ready for a job today or they're just starting the transition process, we'll have great resources there who can help guide them."

The summit is open to all active-duty, veterans, spouses, families and caregivers. No registration is necessary. Visit www.HireAVet.navy.mil for more information.

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Veteran and Wounded Warrior Hiring Summit NAVSEA connects military to jobs in PNW

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Hiring managers representing a variety of companies, big and small, attend the 2014 Employer Summit part of the Department of the Navy's Veteran and Wounded Warrior Hiring Summit.

Naval Sea Systems Command will bring the seventh annual Veteran and Wounded Warrior Hiring and Support Summit May 23 and 24 to the Double Tree Hilton Hotel — Seattle-Tacoma Airport.

Employers and hiring managers will host a one-day summit May 23, and the hiring fair May 24 is free to attend. Walk-in interviews are available for wounded warriors, veterans, transitioning service members, family members and caregivers.

This is the first time the event is taking place in Sea-Tac. Considering the military connections with pipelines at installations like Joint Base Lewis-McChord, the Seattle area could be a perfect site.

“You have major tech industries and defense contractors and then it also helps that NAVSEA has a presence out there with the Naval Undersea Warfare Center at Keyport,” said Caitlin Williams, deputy program manager for NAVSEA’s Veteran and Wounded Warrior Program Office.

The first two events took place in Washington, D.C., before fairs in San Diego, Raleigh, N.C., San Antonio and Tampa, Fla.

Featured employers include a wide range of corporations and businesses. There are government positions with groups like NAVSEA, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command and Transportation Security Administration.

James Slater, deputy director for NAVSEA’s office of corporate communications, said NAVSEA is looking to fill more than 800 positions for the shipyard and Naval Undersea Warfare Center in Keyport.

Then there are large corporations with Pacific Northwest ties attending, such as Alaska Airlines, Boeing and Microsoft. Additionally, smaller regional companies, like Wilcox Family Farms based in Roy, will be present.

While prospective employees from the military community get to learn about job opportunities, organizations attending also have a chance to learn about the talent pool. The first day’s Employer Summit is considered a platform for employer awareness.

Some organizations have already hired veterans and want to provide feedback on how those who served can benefit all companies.

“It’s a platform to share resources and best practices,” Williams said.

Job seekers are able to bring their resumes and speak with employers during the hiring fair, which starts May 24 at 9 a.m. Parking at the hotel will be validated at no cost. Lunch will also be provided.

For more information or to register before the event, visit hireavet.navy.mil.

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Navy Vet/Wounded Warrior Career Summit offers opportunities, resources

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The summit will provide wounded, ill, injured, transitioning service members, veterans, their spouses, family members and primary caregivers the opportunity to interview and explore career opportunities with numerous local and national employers.

Workshops will cover topics including connecting veterans and transitioning service members to available benefits, employment resources for military spouses and caregivers, and tutorials on how to use the federal government's job application tool, USAJOBS.gov.

Featured employers at this year's summit include:

- . Naval Sea Systems Command
- . Naval Air Systems Command
- . Space & Naval Warfare Systems Command
- . Department of the Treasury
- . Transportation Security Administration
- . Alaska Airlines
- . Amazon
- . Boeing
- . CarMax
- . City of Seattle
- . Microsoft
- . Northrop Grumman
- . Starbucks
- . Seattle University
- . Verizon
- . And many more!

Participants are encouraged to register at www.HireAVet.navy.mil, which will assist with matching up attendees with employers at the event. Walk-ins are welcome. While not required, participants are encouraged to bring a copy of their resume and any other employment support documentation, such as a DD-214, Statement of Service, Schedule A, Disability Rating, and/or transcripts.

The summit's hiring fair will be coordinated by the Department of Defense's Hiring Heroes. The employer efforts will focus on providing career opportunities and on-site

interview opportunities for qualified wounded, ill, injured, transitioning service members, veterans, their spouses, family members and primary caregivers.

For more information, please visit www.HireAVet.navy.mil.