

Veteran's Newsletter

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Welcome to the August edition of the Jefferson County Workforce Center's Veteran's Newsletter. If you have a subject you would like to see covered here, please email either Dave Alred at dalred@jeffco.us or Del Atencio at datencio@jeffco.us.

Online Match-Ups for Older Workers and Jobs by Glenn Ruffenach

Online networks are springing up to match older job seekers with potential employers. "Employers are recognizing that older workers are knowledgeable, reliable and loyal," says E. Scott Wingerter, chief operating officer of one job site, RetireeWorkforce.com. Between 2004 and 2014, the percentage of individuals age 65-plus in the work force is expected to grow almost 74%, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. That's almost twice the increase of any other age group.

If you're thinking about switching jobs in later life or returning to work, check out the following sites:

DinosaurExchange.com: Describes retirees with experience as "dinosaurs", and the companies that need that experience as "dinosaur hunters." List jobs world-wide. No charge for job seekers or employers.

Enrge.us: Specializes in helping retired government workers find jobs in the private sector. Individuals can post resumes (for free), which companies can then review (for a fee). No job postings.

ExecSearches.com: Helps nonprofit, governmental, educational, and health groups "fill executive, midlevel and fundraising positions." Job seekers can receive emails alerting them to openings that fit their needs and skills.

RetiredBrains.com: Allows users to search for part-time jobs, temporary or project assignments, or full-time jobs.

RetireeWorkforce.com: Features about three dozen companies, including Sprint Nextel, who post openings. No charge to job seekers.

RetirementJobs.com: Screens and identifies employers that offer an "age-friendly" environment for older workers. No charge to job seekers; employers pay a fee to post openings and access the site's database.

Seniors4Hire.org: In addition to resumes, individuals can post job-wanted ads, which appear on the site's home page.

Workforce50.com: Formerly SeniorJobBank.org. No charge to job seekers, who can store up to three resumes. Offers a large number of resources and articles about job searches.

Other Items of Interest :

VA Announces Online Claims

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) will now accept online applications from veterans, survivors, and other claimants, and will not require a signed paper copy of the application. You can apply for disability compensation, pension, education, and vocational rehabilitation and employment benefits. VA will process applications received through its VONAPP online application website without the claimant's signature. The online application also provides a link to apply for VA health care benefits and much more. For more information about VA benefits, go to VA's website or call the toll-free number (800) 827-1000.

Troops-to-Teachers Seeks Applicants

"School districts around the country are desperate for the maturity and experience troops have gained through military service," says Robert Henry, who coordinates the "Troops-to-Teachers" Program for Maryland and the District of Columbia. Since 1994, the program has placed more than 11,000 former troops into public schools nationwide. To qualify for the program, candidates need a bachelor's degree and teacher certification that the program can help finance. For more information, visit the Troops-to-Teachers Program website.

VA Announces 44 New Clinics

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has announced plans to create 44 new community-based clinics in 21 states. The new clinics are scheduled to be activated over the next 15 months, and will increase VA's network of independent and community-based clinics to 782. In addition to on-site primary care staff, the outpatient clinics will have state-of-the-art telehealth system, helping veterans maintain regular contact with doctors in specialties at regional VA hospitals. A national health records system allows practitioners at even remote clinics to review patient records stored at VA facilities anywhere in the country.

Jefferson County Veterans Service Office

The Jefferson County Veterans Service Office exists to assist residents of Jefferson County who served in the United States Military. The County Veterans Service Officer (CVSO) can assist with valid claims for service-connected compensation, pension, burial benefits, medical treatment, education, vocational training, or any other benefits by reason of such service. These claims are filed with the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) also referred to as the VA. The CVSO may also assist a surviving spouse or other individual with any entitled benefit based on the veteran's service. The CVSO may also assist with emergency relief, such as housing or rental assistance (usually on a one-time basis), food vouchers, tools, bus tokens, and other miscellaneous assistance in the distribution of Colorado Veterans Trust Grant monies from the State of Colorado. Assistance depends on availability of these funds, and requires proof of service. For more information, contact the Jefferson County Veterans Service Officer at 900 Jefferson County Parkway, Golden CO 80401, (303) 271-4205.

RecruitMilitary Career Fair Aug. 21

This is a free hiring event for veterans with a wide variety of work experience, men and women who are transitioning from active duty, National Guard & Reserves members, and military spouses. RecruitMilitary is hosting, in cooperation with HireVetsFirst – a unit of the U.S. Dept. of Labor and the American Legion. The event will be at the **Wings Over the Rockies Air and Space Museum**, 7711 East Academy Boulevard, Hangar 1 (formerly Lowery AFB), on Thursday, August 21, 2008 from 11am to 3pm. Register on line at www.recruitmilitary.com. Come prepared with resumes and be ready to interview.

We are here for you! The U.S. Department of Labor and the Jefferson County Workforce Center place great emphasis on service to veterans, especially to recently separated veterans, and to those with a service-connected disability or some other barrier to employment. If you feel you have a situation that is limiting your job readiness, or hindering your job search, or would just like some assistance with your job search, please call one of the Veteran Employment Representatives at (303) 271-4787 or 4728 or send an email to Del Atencio at datencio@jeffco.us or to David Alred at dalred@jeffco.us. We are located at the Laramie Building, 3500 Illinois Street, in Golden, Co.