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Iowa Workforce Development Offers many Services for Veterans

Ottumwa, Iowa – From job search assistance to information about employment and training programs, Iowa Workforce Development offers many services for veterans.

“We are pleased to serve the Iowa veterans who gave of themselves to preserve the freedoms we enjoy today,” said Elisabeth Buck, Director of Iowa Workforce Development.

Eligible veterans can receive assistance for a productive job search or gain access to job listings through IWD’s electronic data base. They can also receive assistance with job interviewing and résumé writing skills.

Veteran Representatives through Iowa Workforce Development monitor job listings from federal agencies and federal contractors to ensure that veterans get priority service in referral to these jobs, and work closely with clients of V.A. Vocational Rehabilitation.

Veteran Randy Clark met with Linda Rouse at a luncheon. Rouse assisted Clark with improving his resume and interviewing skills. After working with Rouse for a few months, Clark interviewed for and was offered a position at Iowa Workforce Development as a Regional Manager.

In addition, Rouse was also working with another veteran Steve Haigh, who would soon be retiring from the military. Haigh was looking for a management or HR position. Rouse worked with Haigh on improving his resume and the interviewing process. After Clark was hired as the Regional Manger, Rouse knew this left an opening for Clark's previous position. Haigh was referred to Mahaska Bottling as an HR manager. Soon after he interviewed for the job, Haigh was hired and had a smooth transition from active duty.

This is just one example of the personalized service Iowa veterans receive from Iowa Workforce Development. For more information, contact the Ottumwa center at (641) 684-5401.

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