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Jobs are Alaska's Future



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Alaska vets job fair connects troops with employers

JUNEAU – More than 50 statewide businesses will highlight career and employment opportunities for Alaska veterans at an Army Career and Alumni Program, or ACAP Job Fair, Tuesday, January 30 at Fort Wainwright near Fairbanks.

The job fair is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Physical Fitness Center in Building 3709 on Meridian Road. Organizing agencies include the Alaska departments of Labor and Workforce Development, and Military and Veterans Affairs.

“The job fair is a great opportunity to support our veterans, including those returning to Alaska and their families from military assignments on behalf of the nation,” said Labor Commissioner Click Bishop. “We’ve invited an outstanding group of Alaska business leaders to join us and they’ll benefit from hiring these highly skilled workers.”

"Veterans have many skills to contribute to the Alaska business community," said Maj. Gen. and DMVA Commissioner Craig E. Campbell. "I encourage veterans who are interested in staying in Alaska with their families to visit the job fair to learn about our great employment opportunities."

General Campbell said today's military veterans are highly skilled with on-the-job training and experience in a wide array of fields, from sophisticated equipment operations to high-tech communication, logistics and operational management.

“The priority focus of the job fair will be to connect Alaska veterans with companies that recognize the long-term value of hiring efficient, well-trained employees,” said Bishop. “Veterans are noted for their excellent work ethic, integrity, the ability to work in diverse environments and with strong problem-solving skills.”

“As a workforce, veterans are reliable, adaptable and have excellent time-management skills,” Bishop added. He noted that 17 percent of the state population, or about 71,000 Alaskans, are military veterans.

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