



IowaWORKS for Veterans

SPOTLIGHT: IOWA DEPARTMENT FOR THE BLIND

Mission: Empower blind Iowans to be gainfully employed and live independently.

Vision: To be the world's leader in blind rehabilitation services.

Culture: Use a client-centric approach to empower clients to achieve successful outcomes.

IDB has helped thousands of blind and visually impaired Iowans successfully find and retain high quality jobs. IDB provides employment services to blind and low vision Iowans who are looking for a job or want to retain or advance in their current career. IDB believes that with the right skills and opportunities blind people can perform nearly every job, as competently and efficiently as their sighted colleagues.

Click [Here](#) to Make a Referral

Email: contact@blind.state.ia.us Toll free (in Iowa): 800-362-2587



**Iowa Department for
the Blind
(IDB)**



UPCOMING MILITARY & FEDERAL HOLIDAYS

May: National Military Appreciation Month - Honoring current and former members of the U.S. Armed Forces, including those who have died in the pursuit of freedom.

May 1st: Loyalty Day - Meant for the reaffirmation of loyalty to the United States of America, and for the recognition of the heritage of American freedom.

May 8th: VE Day - This day in history marked the end of World War II in Europe.

May 12th - 17th: Armed Forces Week - For American service members, Armed Forces Week is an occasion to remember past and present service for all branches of the service.

May 17th: Armed Forces Day - A day to pay tribute to the men and women of the Armed Forces.

May 26th: Memorial Day - Commemorates men and women who died while in military service.

Current members of the Iowa National Guard

Contact our Home Base Iowa career planner
located on Camp Dodge

Noelle Schuler
Camp Dodge, Building 3586
7105 NW 70th Ave
Johnston, IA 50131
515-321-8036

Noelle.Schuler@iwd.iowa.gov

Local Content

Grab A Job Tuesday - 9am-11am Tuesdays At
IowaWORKS 200 Army Post Rd, DSM, IA 50315

May 13th Camp Dodge Career Fair 5-7pm

May 15th 2025 River Valley Veteran Network @
Torrent Brewing Company Ames, IA 6-8pm



Save the Date

NATIONAL HIRE A VETERAN DAY

IowaWORKS and Home Base Iowa will be hosting a series of career fairs across the state to inspire employers to recruit and hire Veterans

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Hire a Veteran Day is a
CALL TO ACTION
for hiring companies and Veteran job
applicants

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FRIDAY

25 JULY 2025

**HOME BASE
IOWA**

To learn more email:
ROBERT.HAEGE@IWD.IOWA.GOV

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PRESENTED BY IOWAWORKS AND
HOME BASE IOWA



CAREER/RESOURCE FAIR

Iowa Army National Guard

13 May 2025

1700-1830
CAMP DODGE FREEDOM CENTER, S-70
7105 NW 70TH AVENUE, JOHNSTON, IOWA



KEEPING YOU EMPLOYMENT READY

IOWAWORKS VETERANS' PORTAL
Scan to access!



<https://iowaworksforveterans.gov>

Contact Your Veteran Career Planners

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"The State of Iowa's veteran workforce services is federally funded with ~\$1,700,000 (88 percent). Additionally, 12 percent (~\$235,000) is financed by non-federal sources."



MILITARY MEMBERS Power Hour

Online training workshops tailored to Veterans & Military Members
WHEN: Tuesday every 2 weeks, 1pm

VIRTUAL CAREER & HIRING EVENTS

https://www.vaforvets.va.gov/vaforvets/events/pages/Upcoming_hiring_event.asp

May 7th (12pm-3pm) - Hiring Our Heroes Hiring Fair: Logistics, Skilled Trades, & Transportation

May 8th (3pm) - Hiring Our Heroes LinkedIn Strategies for Veterans: Unlocking Career Opportunities

May 14th (2pm) - Hiring Our Heroes Career Forward Information Session

May 15th (12pm) - Hiring Our Heroes Veterans Resume Lab: Showcasing Your Skills

May 20th (11am-3pm) - Recruit Military National Career Fair for Veterans

May 20th (3pm) - Hiring Our Heroes Strategic Networking for Veterans: Making the Most of Hiring Events

May 21st (10am-1pm) - Corporate Gray Virtual Military-Friendly Job Fair

May 22nd (5pm-8pm) - Hiring Our Heroes Virtual Career Summit

May 29th (12pm) - Hiring Our Heroes Essentials for Interview Preparation

THE NATIONAL LABOR EXCHANGE (NLx)

The NLx partnership operates the only nonprofit national online labor exchange system in the U.S. Formed between employers and state workforce agencies, the NLx collects and distributes job openings exclusively found on corporate career websites, state job banks and federal government job sites. Jobs are collected from authentic sources—no duplicates or scams, and refreshed and provided daily to government/nonprofit sites.

NLx has added a Career Events Portal to find available career events.

Job Search - <https://veterans.usnlx.com/> **Career Events** - <https://usnlx.com/career-events>



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Help for Blind & Low Vision Veterans - <https://news.va.gov/138126/help-for-blind-and-low-vision-veterans/>



VA Raises the Bar on Care for Women Veterans - <https://news.va.gov/136796/va-raises-the-bar-on-care-for-women-veterans/>

Free App Seeks to Match Veterans with Personalized List of Benefits - <https://news.va.gov/139226/free-app-match-veterans-personalized-benefits/>

Careers at VA
<https://vacareers.va.gov>



NEED TO UPSKILL?

Check out these FREE Online Courses

Customer Service Skills Within Healthcare - Learn how to provide outstanding customer service to patients.

Essentials of Patient Care Coordination - Learn foundational skills for ensuring optimal patient care coordination.

Observation Skills for Caregiving - Learn observation skills essential to providing responsible healthcare.

Introduction to Medical Terminology - Learn the basics of medical terminology to speak medical vernacular fluently.

Medical Secretary Training - Learn skills and techniques required to succeed as a medical secretary.

Help for Blind & Low Vision Veterans - <https://news.va.gov/138126/help-for-blind-and-low-vision-veterans/>

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News You Can Use



REGISTER FOR VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS



TWO WAYS TO REGISTER FOR WORKSHOPS

CONTACT AN IowaWORKS CAREER PLANNER

Contact your local IowaWORKS American Job Center in-person, by phone, or by email to register for the desired workshop.

IowaWORKS.GOV

Sign into your account on IowaWORKS.gov
On Dashboard under "My Calendar" select "All Events"
Select the workshop on the calendar
Click "Register" (bottom of screen)
Review class information for directions to access virtual workshops via Zoom

Bring Your A-Game	Completing Your Weekly Certification	Conduct a Job Search	Create A Great Resume	Develop a Career Plan / Research Industry Trends
This two-part series will highlight the soft skills everyone needs to succeed in the workplace.	Learn about the claim process to submit your weekly claim.	How to effectively search and apply for in-demand occupations that fit your interests in-person and online.	Learn how to get the interview you want by preparing the resume that best sells you to prospective employers.	Build a career plan that increases your chance for job search success and uses the latest labor market research.
EMERGE				
The EMERGE Workshop has a wealth of information to assist those with a criminal background in navigating barriers to employment and is developed explicitly for justice involved citizens. This workshop covers the following topics: O*Net Interest Profiler, Understanding You, The Job Hunt, Employer Incentives, and What's My Next Steps?				
Essential Tools for Job Seekers	Interview 101	Maintain a Positive Attitude	Mock Interviews	Navigating Ageism In Your Job Search
Learn about the resources and services available to job seekers in the IowaWORKS American Job Centers.	Make your interview stand out by gaining practical, up-to-date Interview Tips while learning how to answer questions.	Explore methods to effectively handle the unique stress brought about by a job loss or career transition.	Learn how a mock interview with IowaWORKS can improve your job search outcomes.	Tailored for job seekers over the age of 50 to minimize stereotypes and amplify the positive qualities of an experienced worker!
Military Members Power Hour				
These workshops will assist Veterans, current service members, and spouses in re-employment efforts with interview skills, resume, job searches, speaking with employers, overcoming obstacles, and instilling confidence.				
Next Level Resumes & Cover Letters	Registered Apprenticeship	Smart Planning for Your Money	State of Iowa Applications	Virtual Job Club
This workshop explores resume techniques beyond the basics, including refining your resume for specific roles, understanding non-standard resume formats, crafting effective prove-it stories, and creating standout cover letters.	Learn what is involved in joining a Registered Apprenticeship Program. This program provides information on how you can "earn while you learn" in building a lifelong career!	A workshop presented by the Iowa Insurance Division on topics related to financial literacy.	If you have ever considered applying for a position with the state of Iowa, take this workshop for tips on the hiring process.	A different workshop each week on a variety of work-based topics designed for any job seeker.

Individuals with disabilities may request accommodations by emailing access@iwd.iowa.gov.

Request must be received two weeks prior to event dates.

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MAY VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS

IowaWORKS is excited to offer these employment workshops! Classes will be held virtually on Zoom with the opportunity to attend at our IowaWORKS American Job Center or from the comfort of your own home.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			1 9am - 11:30am - Interview 101 1:30pm - 3pm - Bring Your A-Game - Part 1	2 9am - 10:30am - Completing Your Weekly Certification
5 9am - 11am - Essential Tools for Job Seekers 2pm - 3pm - Smart Planning for your Money - Setting Financial Goals	6 9am - 11am - Create a Great Resume 1:30pm - 2:30pm - Military Members Power Hour - Interview	7 9:30am - 11:30am - Maintain a Positive Attitude 1:30pm - 3pm - Virtual Job Club - LinkedIn	8 9am - 10am - Mock Interview Workshop 10:30am - 11:30am - Registered Apprenticeship 1:30pm - 3:30pm - Bring Your A-Game - Part 2	9 9am - 10:30am - Completing Your Weekly Certification
12 9am - 11am - Essential Tools for Job Seekers 2pm - 4pm - Navigating Ageism in Your Job Search	13 9am - 11:00am - Spanish Essential Tools for Job Seekers 1:30pm - 3:30pm - Conduct a Job Search	14 9:30am - 11:30am - Next Level Resumes & Cover Letters 1:30pm - 3pm - Virtual Job Club - Job Fairs	15 9am - 11:30am - Interview 101 1:30pm - 3pm - State of Iowa Job Applications	16 9am - 10:30am - Completing Your Weekly Certification
19 9am - 11am - Essential Tools for Job Seekers 1:30pm - 4pm - Develop A Career Plan & Research Industry Trends	20 9am - 11am - Create a Great Resume 1:30pm - 2:30pm - Military Members Power Hour - Bring Your A Game for Veterans Part 1	21 9:30am - 11:30am - Maintain a Positive Attitude 1:30pm - 3pm - Virtual Job Club - Business Panel	22 9am - 10am - Mock Interview Workshop	23 9am - 10:30am - Completing Your Weekly Certification
26 Holiday	27 9am - 10:30am - EMERGE 1:30pm - 3:30pm - Conduct a Job Search	28 9:30am - 11:30am - Next Level Resumes & Cover Letters 1:30pm - 3pm - Virtual Job Club - Who Would You Hire?	29 9am - 11:30am - Interview 101 1:30pm - 3:30pm - Spanish Interview & Negotiate	30 9am - 10:30am - Completing Your Weekly Certification

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Pleasant Hill Chamber of Commerce
and Iowa Workforce Development

EMPLOYER CONNECTIONS FAIR

Discover your future career at our job fair,
where local businesses showcase
opportunities for potential employees. Explore
booths, network with employers, and find the
right fit for your skills and ambitions. Don't miss
this chance to connect with our community's
top employers!



THURSDAY

May 15, 2025



TIME

3:30–5:30 PM



DOANES PARK YOUTH CENTER

4900 Doanes Park Rd, Pleasant Hill, IA 50327



pleasant hill
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



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IowaWORKS River Park

525 SW Fifth St.
Des Moines, IA 50309

Meet our team and learn about our services:

- One-on-one career assistance
- Virtual workshops and resume building
- Labor market information
- Unemployment assistance
- Connection to training and workforce programs

Monday -Friday 8AM-4:30PM

Wednesdays- 9AM-4:30pm

*A new location to better serve Iowans in the
Des Moines Area.*

Adel Iowa VA Mobile Clinic



Veterans Health
Administration

118 Nile Kinnick Dr North, Adel IA 50003
(Parking Lot East of Courthouse)

March 18, 2025 0800-1500
April 15, 2025 0800-1500
May 20, 2025 0800-1500
June 17, 2025 0800-1500
July 15, 2025 0800-1500
August 19, 2025 0800-1500
September 16, 2025 0800-1500
October 21, 2025 0800-1500
November 18, 2025 0800-1500



Services Available in the Mobile Clinic

- Tele-Eligibility
- Immunizations
- Blood Pressure Checks
 - Lab draws
- Battlefield Acupuncture
 - Ear lavages
- Clinics and Specialties (*varies based on specialty availability*)
 - Primary Care
 - Respiratory
 - Oncology
 - Cardiology
 - Wound Care
 - Urology
 - Mental Health
 - Nutrition
 - Social Work
 - Speech
 - Occupational therapy
 - Physical therapy
 - Dermatology
 - MOVE!
 - Women's Health
- Home Telehealth Screening/Enrollment
 - Telehealth Live Scheduling
- Telehealth Equipment Troubleshooting
 - My HealtheVet Enrollment

Please call 515-401-5452 to schedule



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Veteran Career Planners

Veteran Career Planners (VCPs) are located in most IowaWORKS Centers across the state. VCPs work directly with eligible Veterans and other eligible persons by providing individualized career services to prepare for and secure suitable employment.

Such services include:

- Comprehensive assessments of skills levels
- Development of an Individual Employment Plan
- Development of job interviewing and resume writing skills
- Provision of individual career planning services
- Assistance with placing eligible Veterans in federally-funded employment and training programs
- Referrals to supportive services



Iowa WORKS for Veterans Mobile Office

*800 Court St
Conference Room 2001
Adel, IA 50003
9AM-3PM*

Dates:

February 18, 2025
March 18, 2025
April 15, 2025
May 20, 2025
June 17, 2025
July 22, 2025
August 19, 2025
September 16, 2025
October 21, 2025
November 18, 2025
December 16, 2025

Appointments Preferred
Please Contact:

Brent Camery
Veteran Career Planner
515-725-3632
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U.S. Small Business
Administration presents

Virtual Entrepreneurship Training

FOR MILITARY SPOUSES

Tuesday, May 6 | 2 p.m. ET



This two-hour workshop, focused on military spouse entrepreneurship, provides an overview of the programs and resources available through the U.S. Small Business Administration to start, grow, expand, and recover a small business. Participants will learn about the resources available to help them get started or continue the path of entrepreneurship.



Increase your
confidence and
business smarts



Learn how to find
the right partners
for your business



Discover how
to access loans
and capital



Reimagine your
potential with
growth strategies

Register for the Training



To register for the training, scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/3F4ahbC.

Click here to [download the participant's guide](#).

In collaboration with:



Community Spotlight

Home Base Iowa communities offer valuable incentives for Veterans who relocate to their communities.



Story County

Founded in 1846, Story County was named after Joseph Story, a United States Supreme Court Justice. Home to Iowa State University in Ames, visitors can score tickets to watch the Cyclones sport teams in action. There are also various outdoor activities such as the Silos and Smokestacks National Heritage Area as well as the Skunk River Greenbelt Hiking and Water Trail. As a Home Base Community since April 2015, Story County has a strong commitment to veteran job placement, health care and education.

Date of HBI Establishment: April 2015

Contact: Zachary Skelton / Zskelton@storycounty.com / 515-956-2626

Story County Veteran Incentives

- Story County has established the Welcome Home to Story County Relocation Assistance Program, which allows up to \$3,000 in relocation assistance. The following items are eligible uses of the fund:
 - Moving expenses
 - Purchase of appliances
 - Utility deposits
 - Down-payment assistance
 - Rent for temporary housing while waiting for permanent housing

Home Base Iowa Statewide Veteran Incentives

The Home Base Iowa Act positions Iowa as a leader in respect, support and employment of Veterans through a public-private partnership. The Act contains the following incentives:

- Military Pensions exempt from state income tax
- \$5,000 grant toward the purchase of a home
- Permissive Veteran preference in employment
- Search/view Iowa businesses committed to hiring Veterans
- Automatic in-state tuition at state universities and community colleges for qualified veterans and their dependents
- View the complete list state veteran benefits
- 100% disabled Veterans can qualify to pay no property tax
- **Please contact the community point of contact or county Veteran director for more information**