

Veteran and Service Member Employment Training & Career and Resource Fair

Full-Day Sessions for Veterans, Service Members, & Spouses

Tuesday, November 7, 2023, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Montana State Capitol Building & Virtual

***** Registration Not Required *****

***** Opening & Closing will Take Place in Room 317 of the Montana State Capitol Building (1301 E. 6th Ave, Helena) and by Zoom *****

<https://mt.gov.zoom.us/j/83820397989?pwd=cXN1aXExQXhTMFpsK3RsMIJ5Nnpldz09>

- 10:00 a.m. Welcome** – John Pavao, State Human Resources Division, Department of Administration
- 10:05 a.m. Opening Comments** – Governor Greg Gianforte
- 10:10 a.m. Posting of the Colors by Montana Air National Guard, & National Anthem by Angie Paulsen**
- 10:15 a.m. History of Veterans Day** – Major General Hronek, The Adjutant General, Montana National Guard
- 10:30 a.m. VA Healthcare Enrollment** – Todd Dunlap, Deputy Chief/VA Healthcare/Helena, and Wendy Janes, Veteran Service Manager, Healthcare Administration Service, Montana VA Health Care System
- 10:50 a.m. VA Disability Claims Processing**, Brenna Richardson, State Veteran Service Officer, Department of Military Affairs
- 11:10 p.m. Veterans Education State Approving Agency (SAA)**, John Stankowiak, SAA Program Manager
- 11:30 p.m. Break for Lunch & Employment and Resource Fair/Networking**
- 12:30 p.m. Helena College Veteran Resources** – Valerie Curtin, Executive Director of Compliance & Financial Aid, Helena College
- 12:40 p.m. Veteran Readiness & Employment (VR&E)**, Shawn Grove, VR&E Officer
- 12:50 p.m. Employment Programs and Assistance**, David Petaja, Community Employment Coordinator, Homeless Veteran Recovery Program
- 1:00 p.m. Disabled American Veterans (DAV's) Employment Program for Veterans and Their Spouses**, Charles Pugh, National Service Office Supervisor, VA Regional Office, Ft. Harrison, MT
- 1:10 p.m. Veterans Benefits Administration Career Opportunities**, Benjamin Goldsmith, Human Resources Liaison, Veterans Benefits Administration

1:20 p.m. Apprenticeship Opportunities, Amber Lamb, Registered Apprenticeship Equity & Diversity Coordinator, Montana Department of Labor & Industry

1:40 p.m. Break

1:50 p.m. Closing Comments, John Pavao, State ADA Coordinator & Equal Opportunity Officer

Contact John Pavao, State Human Resources Division, by email at jpavao@mt.gov or by phone at (406) 444-3984 if you have any questions or if you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this event.