



Missouri Winners of the 2015 Outstanding Service to Veterans Award

Carol Drummond

Carol began her Veterans Representative career as a Local Veterans Employment Representative (LVER) nine years ago. She has proven invaluable as a point of contact for Veterans within Southeast and South Central Missouri, developing one-on-one relationship with a variety of businesses, pairing them with qualified Veteran applicants. Carol was instrumental in filling local OJT positions where 45% placed in employment were Veterans.

Justin Hirniak

Justin came to the Kirksville Job Center and serves 22 counties in Northern Missouri, after serving his country for 28 years. Justin developed training to increase Center staff knowledge and understanding of military documents and resources utilized in Job Centers and played a vital role in the success of the annual Northeast Missouri and Hannibal Career/Veterans Benefit Fairs. Justin recruited the 55 employers and service organizations that attended these fairs and placed job orders. Through Justin's efforts, many job seekers were provided job and training opportunities.

Pam Williams

Pam proactively addresses Veterans employment issues in Southeast Missouri by assessing individual skills and needs to determine what Job Center services may be available. Pam's approach helps her find the best positions for Veterans, increasing the likelihood of a successful permanent placement. She has placed many Veterans into OJT, leading to fulltime jobs.

Tom Christine

Tom Christine has established a network of resources to assist Northern Missouri Veterans. He works closely with community organizations like the National Guard, Truman State ROTC, and Project Homeless to locate Veterans seeking employment and most in need of Job Center services. Tom has earned the title of Missouri Recovery Support Specialist-Peer. This enables him to perform peer counseling and will be helpful in conducting prison outreach. He is currently working with the local Circuit Court to establish a Veterans' Drug Court.

Don Bequette

Don is a Disabled Veteran Outreach Program (DVOP) specialist at the Rolla Job Center. Don continuously reaches out to veterans to inform them of available services and looks for ways to improve services. He assisted in the creation of DVOP outreach materials utilized statewide to promote services for Veterans to receive career counseling and one-on-one assistance. For these reasons, Don was selected to train newly hired DVOPs across the state.

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