

Monthly Newsletter

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**National Veterans'
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National Veterans' Training Institute Courses

[9637: Jobs for Veterans State Grants 103: Removing the Employability Gap for Veterans with Qualifying Employment Barriers](#), August 11-21 | August 25 September 4, virtual delivery

This course allows participants to examine the strategies for effectively developing working relationships with veterans, in particular those with qualifying employment barriers. Participants will study examples of qualifying employment barriers, discuss the perceptions others have of veterans, learn effective communication techniques to interact with veterans and employers, and explore the contents of an Individual Employment Plan.

9610 Series: Career Coaching for Special Populations

Explore a one-day virtual course or take all three! Learn about serving varying demographics of veterans to better assist in the job search process or career change.

[9610/DAAN: Serving Veterans with Disability and Accessibility Needs](#), August 5, virtual delivery

Gain in-depth understanding of how to identify the challenges veterans with disability and accessibility needs face and how to assess their capabilities to better assist them in the employment process.

[9610/WOVS: Serving Women Veterans](#), August 19, virtual delivery

This course will equip you with the skills necessary to engage and inspire women veterans to successfully reintegrate into the civilian workforce.

[9610/RURA : Serving Rural Veterans](#), August 26, virtual delivery

Examine the needs of rural veterans, particularly those that may prevent veterans living in rural communities from being successful in a job search or career change and discuss how to empower rural veterans to make informed decisions about their career trajectory.

The National Veterans' Training
Institute Website

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New Skilled Trades Training Programs Offer Veterans Paid Training and Guaranteed Jobs at Data Centers

As demand for artificial intelligence infrastructure continues to grow, companies are creating new pathways into high-demand skilled trades careers. This month, Meta announced its new [Americas Workforce Academy](#), a no-cost training program that will prepare workers for careers as electricians, welders, pipefitters, fiber technicians, and other skilled trades professionals needed to build artificial intelligence data centers. Veterans may find this program especially valuable, as participants receive paid training, earn nationally recognized industry credentials, and are guaranteed a job with Meta upon successful completion. The academy launches in 2026 in Louisiana, Ohio, Indiana, and Texas.

[Google announced a \\$50 million investment](#) to expand skilled trades training and Registered Apprenticeship opportunities across more than 20 states. The funding will strengthen pre apprenticeships

and apprenticeship programs for electricians, plumbers, pipefitters, welders, sheet metalworkers, and other in-demand construction occupations through labor unions, trade associations, and industry partners.

Together, these investments represent an unprecedented opportunity for veterans interested in skilled trades careers that offer paid training, nationally recognized credentials, and strong long term earning potential.



Michigan Expands Registered Apprenticeship Opportunities for Veterans

Registered Apprenticeships continue to provide veterans with a proven pathway to rewarding civilian careers by combining paid, hands-on training with classroom instruction and nationally recognized credentials. The [Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity](#) is highlighting how its Veterans' Employment Services program connects veterans to apprenticeship opportunities in high-demand industries, including advanced manufacturing, construction, energy, healthcare, and information technology. Many apprenticeship programs also allow eligible veterans to use their GI Bill benefits while earning a paycheck from day one.

Through partnerships with organizations such as [Helmets to Hardhats](#), Michigan is helping veterans overcome barriers to employment by providing career counseling, resume assistance, and direct connections to apprenticeship sponsors. Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program case managers can encourage veterans to [explore Registered Apprenticeships](#) as a pathway to long-term employment, wage progression, and career advancement while leveraging the valuable skills they gained through military service.



State Workforce Programs Creating New Pathways to Employment for Veterans

State workforce agencies across the country are expanding innovative employment services for veterans that Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program grant recipients can leverage through partnership and referral. Beyond the core [Jobs for Veterans State Grants program](#), states are implementing specialized initiatives such as [Washington's YesVets hiring events](#), Virginia and Vermont's [SkillBridge](#) partnerships, Georgia's [Unite Georgia Initiative](#) and [Veterans Education Center for Transition Resource Centers](#), South Carolina's [Stay to Apply Your Skills \(STAYS\) Program](#) for veterans and military spouses, and Florida's [Military Families Employment Assistance Program](#). Other states are connecting veterans by hosting statewide veteran career fairs and providing targeted training that leads directly to industry-recognized credentials and employment.

These examples demonstrate how strong partnerships between workforce agencies, employers, apprenticeship programs, military installations, and community organizations create multiple pathways to employment for veterans. Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program grant recipients should explore similar partnerships with their [state workforce agency](#), local [American Job Centers](#), Jobs for Veterans State Grants program staff, [Registered Apprenticeship sponsors](#), SkillBridge coordinators, and veteran-focused workforce initiatives to expand employment opportunities, increase referrals, and connect the veterans you serve with high-quality jobs and career pathways.



Free Artificial Intelligence Literacy Course Helps Build In-Demand Skills

Veterans interested in learning the basics of artificial intelligence can enroll in [Make America AI-Ready](#), a free, one-week Artificial Intelligence literacy course delivered entirely through text messages. The program provides bite-sized lessons and daily challenges aligned with five foundational Artificial Intelligence literacy competencies, making it an easy way to build knowledge from anywhere. More than 50,000 Americans have already completed the course. To get started, text "READY" to 20202 and begin building skills to participate in today's workforce.



Warriors4Wireless: Connecting Veterans to Careers in the 5G Workforce

[Warriors4Wireless](#) is a national nonprofit that connects veterans to training and employment opportunities in the growing 5G and telecommunications industry. Through a “contact, coach, and connect” model, Warriors4Wireless works directly with veterans to identify local job opportunities, provide career coaching,

and match candidates with employers seeking skilled talent in telecom infrastructure, including fiber, wireless, and data network roles.

Key supports and outcomes include:

- Direct coaching on telecom career pathways and hiring requirements
 - Connection to employer partners offering entry-level to skilled technical roles
 - Access to training-to-employment pipelines in 5G and broadband infrastructure
 - Support for transitioning service members, Guard, Reserve, and veterans nationwide
 - Employer connections designed to move veterans quickly from training into jobs
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New Military Apprenticeship Program Offers Veterans Paid Training and Transportation Careers

[USA Truck](#) has launched a new Registered Apprenticeship Program designed to help transitioning service members and veterans build long-term careers in the transportation industry. Developed in partnership with [FASTPORT](#), the two-year program offers paid, on-the-job training for professional drivers and diesel technicians while allowing eligible participants to continue receiving their Military Housing Allowance (MHA) in addition to earning full wages from USA Truck. This dual-income approach helps ease the financial transition while participants develop in-demand skills.

Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program case managers working with veterans interested in transportation careers may want to share this opportunity. USA Truck is actively recruiting transitioning service members for its apprenticeship program, which combines structured training, mentorship, and a clear career pathway. Veterans can learn more and apply by visiting [FASTPORT's job seeker page](#).



Military Apprenticeship Experience Can Open Doors to Civilian Careers

The United Services Military Apprenticeship Program helps active-duty and reserve enlisted service members earn nationally recognized apprenticeship credentials by documenting the skills and on-the-job training they complete during military service. Participants who complete the program receive a U.S. Department of Labor Certificate of Completion and Journeyman Certificate at no cost, providing valuable credentials for civilian employment.

For Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program participants, United Services Military Apprenticeship Program experience can be an important asset. Previous apprenticeship hours and documented work experience may be recognized by civilian Registered Apprenticeship sponsors, potentially reducing the time needed to complete another apprenticeship. Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program case managers are encouraged to ask veterans about prior United Services Military Apprenticeship Program participation and connect them with Registered Apprenticeship opportunities that build on the skills they gained during military service. Learn more at <https://usmap.osd.mil> and explore civilian apprenticeship opportunities at <https://www.apprenticeship.gov>.

Do you have a success story you would like to share? If you are a grant recipient who helped a veteran who is struggling with housing or employment, we would love to hear from you at nvtac@dol.gov.

Outreach at the National Veterans' Technical Assistance Center

The National Veterans' Technical Assistance Center outreach coach is available to provide information, answer questions, and guide interested organizations through the process of getting involved with the Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program. If you know of organizations that could benefit from learning more about Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program, you can refer them to National Veterans' Technical Assistance Center Outreach Coach Miranda Moffat at:

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