

EMPLOYMENT CENTERS PREPARE FOR VETERANS



Recent reports have been made by the President Barack Obama which states that troops stationed in areas of Iraq and Afghanistan will finally be sent home as the war has finally ended. This is one of the longest wars America has ever been in and many people were wondering when there would finally be an ending to this war. With the war ending, millions of veterans will return home and return back to civilian life. These veterans are going to need to find employment when they return back to their native home. And, while an adjustment may be difficult for some of the veterans, employment centers are preparing to assist them with their employment needs. A Veterans representative who works with WorkSource in Kitsap County, Todd Wagner, has said, "There is a massive adjustment there that takes place." Wagner went through eight separate deployments and is a veteran of the Navy for more than 20 years. He served his country for so many years yet when he returned back to civilian life, he had trouble finding actual employment. Many of the potential employers wanted him to have certifications that he simply did not have or did not need any of the skills he could provide to them. Wagner says, "Being able to convey my transitional skills was my biggest challenge." He had various jobs after his deployments. At first, he worked for a print solutions company that was located in Seattle and then he went on to sell furniture. After selling furniture, he started working for WorkSource and has been helping vets find the employment they need and definitely deserve. Bob Middlebrook is a man who spent four years with the Air Force and 30 years working as a civilian investigator for Air Force crashes. In the meantime, he plans to help vets find the jobs that they need when they return back to their homes. Middlebrook has even said, "Anything they ask, I got it covered, OK?" He also says, "There are a lot of jobs if they're prepared." After veterans leave the military, they need to build a resume that is actually much friendlier to potential employers. The fact of the matter is, a military resume is often unreadable by potential employers who do not understand certain military language. This can help the veterans' chances of finding employment upon returning back to their civilian life. While the war is over, some people are still not sure what this means for the veterans. Some people believe that they will be stationed to other areas in which military services are needed. On the other hand, there are some people who believe they will return to civilian life and will be stuck searching for employment within an economy that is still not as good as it should be.

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