Honoring Those Who Serve: Military and Veteran Partnerships

Tuesday, July 14, 2015
3:15 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Speakers:

Selden Fritschner, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration
Chris Thropp, The Sage Corporation
Brig. General (Ret.) Jerry G. Beck, Jr., PA Department of Military and Veterans Affairs
Matt Leary, Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles
Selden Fritschner, Chief
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Military Skills Test Waiver

- CDL Task Force 2009
- May, 2011 – 49 CFR 383.77
  - 2 years military safe driving experience operating similar vehicle
  - No serious or disqualifying offenses
  - Self attest
  - Affirmation of commanding officer
  - State discretion
  - Must apply within 90 days (later amended to 1 year)

Skills Test Waiver Implementation

December 2011

June 2014
Military Credential Transition

- Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA)
- White House – Office of the First Lady – Joining Forces
- Secretary of Transportation – Office of Public Engagement
- Departments of Defense / Labor / Veterans Affairs / Education
- US Transportation of Command (TRANSCOM)
- **AAMVA**
- US Army Transportation Corps Regiment
- Office of the Chief Army Reserve
- Soldier for Life (SFL) – Army Chief of Staff
- American Legion / US Chamber of Commerce
- International Brotherhood of Teamsters (IBT)
- Combined Arms Support Command (CASCOM)
- US Air Force Training Command
- State Initiatives – VA / TN / NM / WI / others
Future Military CDL Initiatives

- Relief from ELDT requirements
- CDL Improvement Act of 2012
  - Provides for a Domicile Waiver
- Even Exchange for certain military CDLs
- Improve future employment opportunities
  - Training Record
  - Experience record
  - Partnership with DoD and service branches
Grant Opportunities

• CDL Program Implementation (CDL PI)
  o FY 2015 Awards – Due mid-August
  o NOFA – Pending

• Commercial Motor Vehicle – Operator Safety Training (CMV OST)
  o FY 2015 Awards – Due mid-September
  o NOFA – Early September
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Chris Thropp
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About SAGE

SAGE
Truck Driving Schools
Current Veteran Employment Landscape
Trucking Industry Facts: The Driver Shortage
A Natural Fit for Veterans in Trucking
Helping Vets: Careers in Trucking
“Basic Training”
What Happens at Truck Driving School
Trucking Jobs Placement
CDL Testing and the Military Skills Waiver
Other Issues

- Driver Backgrounds and Hiring Standards
- CDL Training Standards
- Funding for Training
Collaborative Projects
PENNDOT/DMVA-OVA

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BG(R) Jerry Beck
Deputy Adjutant General – Veterans’ Affairs
Veterans Trust Fund – Public Supported through Driver’s License and Vehicle Registration Check-off

To assist and support Pennsylvania veterans and their families. The VTF issues grants to statewide charitable organizations that assist veterans, veterans service organizations and county directors of veterans affairs to assist veterans in need of shelter and necessities of living.

One hundred percent of all donations go into the VTF.

When you apply for or renew your Pennsylvania driver’s license or photo ID or renew your motor vehicle registration, you will have an opportunity to make a $3 tax-deductible contribution to the VTF.
• Effective 11 Nov 13

• Programs
  – Veterans In Need ($700K)
  – Charitable Organizations ($350K)
  – County Directors of Veteran Affairs ($100K)
  – Veteran’s Symposium ($50K)

• Amount Collected
  – Since inception: $2.33M
  – This SFY: $1.4M
"Honoring Our Veterans" license plate.

Don’t need to be a veteran to show your support of veterans

Passenger cars and light trucks up to 10,000 pounds and costs $35

$15 goes to the Veteran’s Trust Fund

SFY 14-15 – ($5,883) Total Sold 2,115 ($31,725)
Veteran Designation on License
- Free when applying for renewal
- Self Certification
  - Veterans Designation: I certify under penalty of law that I am a qualified applicant and hereby request it be added to my product. I understand that misrepresentation will result in the cancellation of my identification card.
• Veteran Designation on License
  – Verification Process
    • Processed application sent to OVA for verification
    • 10% sample verified
    • 170,090 applications received (1 Jun 15)
      – 125 ineligible, 2619 errors

• Cost to Veterans Trust Fund - $960K
Virginia DMV:
Serving Those Who Serve

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Matt Leary
Military & Veterans Program Manager
Virginia at a Glance

- 8.2 million Virginia Residents
- 800,000 Veterans (roughly 10%)
- 572,000 Working age veterans (68%)
- 60,000 Active duty service members
- 25,000 Reserve and National Guard
- 53 Military installations

Virginia should be “the most veteran-friendly state in the nation.”

- Governor Terry McAuliffe
Programs
Questions?

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