Serving Those Who Serve: Military and Veteran Partnerships

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A Veteran rich department dedicated to assisting Military and Veterans...internally and externally
Established March 2015

- Identified 868 Veterans within Department/108 current National Guard or Reserve.
- 120 Disabled Veterans
- Developed email distribution list for items of interest, benefits, volunteer opportunities, VA news, community events.
- Established a Veterans display area with resources.
- Developed Veterans new hire orientation course
- **Active Military and Veterans Benefits/Initiatives** booklet
- Quarterly guest speakers
- Veterans recruitment plan
- Monthly update to Executive Director with Veteran hires, departures, retirements
- Collaborates with other Florida agencies/departments on Veterans issues
Driver Licenses

• Offer unlimited renewals through mail if military member or family is out of state.

• Active duty military and family eligible to extend until they return to Florida.

• 100% Disabled Veterans eligible for no-fee DL, ID, endorsements, and some reinstatement fees.

• Honorably discharged veterans can have 'V' designation added to DL or ID (used for discounts and benefits).
Senate Bill 184

The Department of Military Affairs and the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles will conduct a pilot to provide on-site CDL knowledge testing at Military Armory and Reserve Centers.

By June 30, 2017, the departments will jointly submit a report to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House with the results of the pilot.
TROOPS TO TRUCKERS

Tap into an Extraordinary Support Network in Florida
We are proud to announce a series of events where we give Reserve, National Guard and Active Duty Service Members the opportunity to test (written test only) for a Commercial Driver License (CDL) and find employment as a commercial truck driver all in the same day.

Facility dates & locations
7/16/16 - Camp Blanding, Jacksonville
7/31/16 - Tallahassee National Guard Armory
8/20/16 - Orlando National Guard Armory

Agenda
8:00 am to 12 pm for Testing (Testing, eye exam, issuance of license).
11 am to 2 pm – Trucker Association Job Fair - Open only to those who tested in the am.
2-4 pm – Open to all job seekers after this.

Forms
Event participants will need all of these forms completed prior to arrival.
Information on required identity documents (GGG tear sheets)
CDL test waiver (HSMV 714054)
Med cert examination report (Medical forms 5875 and 5876)
CDL Handbook
Motorcycle Endorsement

- Reciprocate military Motorcycle Rider Course for motorcycle endorsement.
- Provide Rider Coach Preparation courses.
- Provide certification courses - Basic Rider Course II, Advance Rider Course, Military Sport Bike Course, Ultimate Bike Bonding Course at any military facilities.
- Provide motorcycle training and certification on military bases.
- Attend Safety Stand Down events on military bases to provide motorcycle safety information.
Motor Vehicles

• Military exempt from $225.00 Initial Registration Fee.

• Military non-residents can register vehicles in Florida and keep titles with state of residence.

• “Military Members” webpage with DL and MV Info http://www.flhsmv.gov/Military/

• 33 Specialized plates to honor the military.

• 100% disabled veterans free “DV” license plate. Free parking at airports and public metered parking spaces.
External Assistance

• Military liaison position to assist with in-depth DL and motor vehicle inquiries. Communicates with military officials to help with documentation and information needed for issuance.

• Florida Highway Patrol escorts

• Veterans preference in hiring

• House Bill 1219 Veterans Recruitment Plan
FLOWmobile Services

- FLOWmobile services on military installations
- Veterans’ Stand-down events and safety events
For More Information

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