

IowaWORKS for Veterans

SPOTLIGHT: TICKET TO WORK

Social Security’s Ticket to Work program supports career development for Social Security disability beneficiaries age 18 through 64 who want to work. The program is free and voluntary. The program is a good fit for people who want to improve their earning potential and are committed to preparing for long-term success in the workforce. It offers beneficiaries with disabilities access to meaningful employment with the assistance of employment service providers called employment networks.

To learn more, attend a free Work Incentive Seminar Event (WISE) online - <https://choosework.ssa.gov/wise/>
 Visit the website - <https://workforce.iowa.gov/jobs/worker-programs/employment-and-disability/ticket-work>
 Contact by email: Ticket2Work@iwd.iowa.gov



**Iowa Workforce
Development
(IWD)**



UPCOMING MILITARY & FEDERAL HOLIDAYS

- March: Women’s History Month**
- March 1st: Navy Seabee Birthday** - Honoring the birthday of the Seabees
- March 3rd: Navy Reserve Birthday** - Celebrating more than 100 years of the Navy Reserve
- March 13th: K9 Veterans Day** - Honoring military working dogs
- March 15th: American Legion Birthday** - Nationwide Veteran Service Organization that offers local programs and national efforts to support wounded warriors and their families.
- March 21st: Rosie the Riveter Day** - Observation honoring the work and sacrifices American women made in the workplace during World War Two.
- March 25th: Medal of Honor Day** - Dedicated to Medal of Honor Recipients
- March 29th: National Vietnam War Veterans Day** - A way to thank and honor our nation’s Vietnam veterans and their families for their service and sacrifice.

Current members of the Iowa National Guard
 Contact our Home Base Iowa career planner
 located on Camp Dodge

Nick St. Louis
 Camp Dodge, Building 3586
 7105 NW 70th Ave
 Johnston, IA 50131
 515-321-8036
Nicholas.stlouis@iwd.iowa.gov

Local Content

- March 11th Camp Dodge Career Fair 5-7pm
- March 21st 2025 River Valley Veteran Network @
 Torrent Brewing Company Ames, IA 6-8pm



SPRING INTO A NEW CAREER FAIR



Scan QR Code to Register



Registration encouraged but not required

March 27

IowaWORKS

200 Army Post Rd,
Des Moines, IA
50315

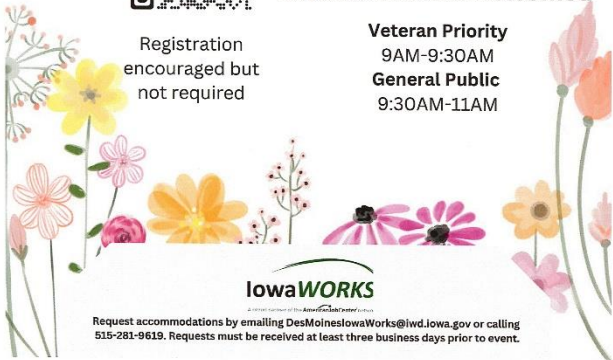
All Job Seekers Welcomed

Veteran Priority

9AM-9:30AM

General Public

9:30AM-11AM



IowaWORKS

Request accommodations by emailing DesMoinesIowaWorks@iwd.iowa.gov or calling 515-281-9619. Requests must be received at least three business days prior to event.



CAREER/RESOURCE FAIR

Iowa Army National Guard

11 March 2025

1700-1830
CAMP DODGE FREEDOM CENTER, S-70
7105 NW 70TH AVENUE, JOHNSTON, IOWA



IOWAWORKS VETERANS' PORTAL

Scan to access!



<https://iowaworksforveterans.gov>

Contact our Veteran Career Planners

Brent Camery

515-725-3632

Brent.Camery@iwd.iowa.gov

Kevin Kelly

515-725-3613

Kevin.Kelly@iwd.iowa.gov

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515-725-3763

Noelle.Gerard@iwd.iowa.gov



National Call Center
for Homeless Veterans
877-424-3838
va.gov/homeless

"The State of Iowa's veteran workforce services is federally funded with ~\$1,700,000 (88 percent). Additionally, 12 percent (~\$235,000) is financed by non-federal sources."

VIRTUAL HIRING EVENTS with VMSTEP

Virtual Hiring Fair: Solar Energy - March 5th, 12pm - 3pm CT

National Career Fair for Veterans - March 18th, 11am - 3pm CT

Government Contracting and Consulting - March 19th, 12pm - 3pm

Corporate Gray Job Fair - March 19th, 10am - 1pm CT

https://www.vaforvets.va.gov/vaforvets/events/pages/Upcoming_hiring_event.asp

MILITARY MEMBERS Power Hour

Online training workshops tailored to Veterans & Military Members
WHEN: Tuesday every 2 weeks, 1pm



VETERANS TAX INFORMATION & SERVICES

Veterans can get free tax prep with the IRS and assistance from other government agencies.

- **IRS Free File** - <https://www.irs.gov/irs-free-file-do-your-taxes-for-free>
- **IRS Direct File** - <https://directfile.irs.gov/>
- **IRS Certified Volunteer** - <https://www.irs.gov/individuals/free-tax-return-preparation-for-qualifying-taxpayers>
- **Military OneSource** - <https://www.militaryonesource.mil/financial-legal/tax-resource-center/miltax-military-tax-services>

More information: <https://www.irs.gov/individuals/veterans-tax-information-and-services>

On active duty? [Find tax information for members of the military.](#)

ELIGIBILITY FOR SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS

Social Security benefits are there for you when you:

- Age and retire (62 or older & have paid social security taxes for 10+ years)
- Stop or limit work because of a disability or blindness (& enough work history)
- Lose a spouse (or a young child loses a parent)
- Have difficulty paying for essentials like food, clothing, and a home
Answer a few questions to see if you qualify for benefits right now.

<https://www.ssa.gov/prepare/check-eligibility-for-benefits>



Tax Season Guidance for Veterans - <https://news.va.gov/138085/tax-season-guidance-for-veterans/>
Older Veterans - <https://www.mentalhealth.va.gov/older-veterans/>
My VA Images Adds Text Message Notifications - <https://news.va.gov/135338/my-va-images-adds-text-message-notifications/>
Federal Hiring Process - <https://www.vaforvets.va.gov/vaforvets/docs/Federal-Hiring-Process.pdf>



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Careers at VA
<https://vacareers.va.gov>



NEED TO UPSKILL?

Improve your skills and knowledge with FREE online training at <https://alison.com/>

Free Online IT and Computing Courses - <https://alison.com/courses/it>

Learn the Principles of Management - <https://alison.com/courses/management>

Microsoft Office - <https://alison.com/courses?query=microsoft%20office>

Demystifying Veterans' Preference in Federal Hiring
<https://vacareers.va.gov/job-news-advice/demystifying-veterans-preference/>

Get SMART About Your VA Job Search in the New Year
<https://vacareers.va.gov/job-news-advice/get-smart-about-va-job-search/>

Get Ready for Your VA Job Interview with These 10 Tips
<https://news.va.gov/87277/87277/>



News You Can Use



REGISTER FOR VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS



TWO WAYS TO REGISTER FOR WORKSHOPS

CONTACT AN IowaWORKS CAREER PLANNER

Contact your local IowaWORKS American Job Center in-person, by phone, or by email to register for the desired workshop.

IowaWORKS.GOV

Sign into your account on IowaWORKS.gov
On Dashboard under "My Calendar" select "All Events"
Select the workshop on the calendar
Click "Register" (bottom of screen)
Review class information for directions to access virtual workshops via Zoom

| Advanced Resume | Bring Your A-Game | Completing Your Weekly Certification | Conduct a Job Search | Create A Great Resume |
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| This workshop provides examples on how to modify your skills summary, resume sections, and to write prove-it stories that match the qualities employers are looking for in job postings. | This two-part series will highlight the soft skills everyone needs to succeed in the workplace. | Learn about the claim process to submit your weekly claim. | How to effectively search and apply for in-demand occupations that fit your interests in-person and online. | Learn how to get the interview you want by preparing the resume that best sells you to prospective employers. |

| EMERGE |
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| The EMERGE Workshop has a wealth of information to assist those with a criminal background in navigating barriers to employment and is developed explicitly for justice involved citizens. This workshop covers the following topics: O*Net Interest Profiler, Understanding You, The Job Hunt, Employer Incentives, and What's My Next Steps? |

| Develop a Career Plan / Research Industry Trends | Essential Tools for Job Seekers | Interview 101 | Maintain a Positive Attitude | Mock Interviews |
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| Build a career plan that increases your chance for job search success and uses the latest labor market research. | Learn about the resources and services available to job seekers in the IowaWORKS American Job Centers. | Make your interview stand out by gaining practical, up-to-date Interview Tips while learning how to answer questions. | Explore methods to effectively handle the unique stress brought about by a job loss or career transition. | Learn how a mock interview with IowaWORKS can improve your job search outcomes. |

| Military Members Power Hour |
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| These workshops will assist Veterans, current service members, and spouses in re-employment efforts with interview skills, resume, job searches, speaking with employers, overcoming obstacles, and instilling confidence. |

| Navigating Ageism In Your Job Search | Registered Apprenticeship | Smart Planning for Your Money | State of Iowa Applications | Virtual Job Club |
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| Tailored for job seekers over the age of 50 to minimize stereotypes and amplify the positive qualities of an experienced worker! | Learn what is involved in joining a Registered Apprenticeship Program. This program provides information on how you can "earn while you learn" in building a lifelong career! | A workshop presented by the Iowa Insurance Division on topics related to financial literacy. | If you have ever considered applying for a position with the state of Iowa, take this workshop for tips on the hiring process. | A different workshop each week on a variety of work-based topics designed for any job seeker. |

Individuals with disabilities may request accommodations by emailing access@iwd.iowa.gov.
Request must be received two weeks prior to event dates.

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MARCH VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS

IowaWORKS is excited to offer these employment workshops! Classes will be held virtually on Zoom with the opportunity to attend at our IowaWORKS American Job Center or from the comfort of your own home.

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
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| 3 9am - 11am - Essential Tools for Job Seekers 2pm - 3pm - Smart Planning for your Money - Retirement Planning and Accounts | 4 1:30pm - 3:30pm - Conduct a Job Search | 5 9:30am - 11:30am - Advanced Resume 1:30pm - 3pm - Virtual Job Club - Success in IowaWorks.gov | 6 9am - 11:30am - Interview 101 1:30pm - 3pm - Bring Your A-Game - Part 1 | 7 9am - 10am - Completing Your Weekly Certification |
| 10 9am - 11am - Essential Tools for Job Seekers 2pm - 4pm - Navigating Ageism in Your Job Search | 11 9am - 11am - Create a Great Resume 1:30pm - 2:30pm - Military Members Power Hour - Job Searching for Veterans | 12 9:30am - 11:30am - Maintain a Positive Attitude 1:30pm - 3pm - Virtual Job Club - LinkedIn | 13 9am - 10am - Mock Interview Workshop 10:30am - 11:30am - Registered Apprenticeship 1:30pm - 3:30pm - Bring Your A-Game - Part 2 | 14 9am - 10am - Completing Your Weekly Certification |
| 17 9am - 11am - Essential Tools for Job Seekers | 18 9am - 11:00am - Spanish Essential Tools for Job Seekers 1:30pm - 3:30pm - Conduct a Job Search | 19 9:30am - 11:30am - Advanced Resume 1:30pm - 3pm - Virtual Job Club - Business Panel | 20 9am - 11:30am - Interview 101 1:30pm - 3pm - State of Iowa Job Applications | 21 9am - 10am - Completing Your Weekly Certification |
| 24 9am - 11am - Essential Tools for Job Seekers 1:30pm - 4pm - Develop A Career Plan & Research Industry Trends | 25 9am - 11am - Create a Great Resume 1:30pm - 2:30pm - Military Members Power Hour - Reentry for Justice Involved Veterans | 26 9:30am - 11:30am - Maintain a Positive Attitude 1:30pm - 3pm - Virtual Job Club - Job Fairs | 27 9am - 10am - Mock Interview Workshop 1:30pm - 3:30pm - Spanish Interview & Negotiate | 28 9am - 10am - Completing Your Weekly Certification |
| 31 9am - 11am - Essential Tools for Job Seekers | | | | |

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MILITARY MEMBERS POWER HOUR

Empowering Veterans for Employment Success.

Join us for a monthly series of online training workshops tailored to veterans, focusing on skills to enhance your employment prospects.

Workshops are held at 1:30PM CST every other Tuesday. Sign into your account on IowaWORKS.gov. On Dashboard under "My Calendar" select "All Events", then just select the workshop on the calendar. Click "Register" (bottom of screen). Review class information for directions to access virtual workshops via Zoom.

Workshop topics include:

- Resume Writing and Cover Letters
- Interview Techniques
- Overcoming Obstacles
- Emerge for Veterans (Justice Involved)
- Bring Your "A" Game
- And More!




HEALTH & PUBLIC SERVICE CAREER FAIR

MON. MARCH 3RD
11:30AM to 1:30PM
BLDG. 5 CONFERENCE CENTER
DMACC ANKENY CAMPUS





A proud partner of the AmericanJobCenter[®] network

IowaWORKS River Park

525 SW Fifth St.
Des Moines, IA 50309

Meet our team and learn about our services:

- One-on-one career assistance
- Virtual workshops and resume building
- Labor market information
- Unemployment assistance
- Connection to training and workforce programs

Monday -Friday 8AM-4:30PM

Wednesdays- 9AM-4:30pm

*A new location to better serve Iowans in the
Des Moines Area.*

Adel Iowa VA Mobile Clinic



Veterans Health
Administration

118 Nile Kinnick Dr North, Adel IA 50003
(Parking Lot East of Courthouse)

March 18, 2025 0800-1500
April 15, 2025 0800-1500
May 20, 2025 0800-1500
June 17, 2025 0800-1500
July 15, 2025 0800-1500
August 19, 2025 0800-1500
September 16, 2025 0800-1500
October 21, 2025 0800-1500
November 18, 2025 0800-1500



Services Available in the Mobile Clinic

- Tele-Eligibility
- Immunizations
- Blood Pressure Checks
 - Lab draws
- Battlefield Acupuncture
 - Ear lavages
- Clinics and Specialties *(varies based on specialty availability)*
 - Primary Care
 - Respiratory
 - Oncology
 - Cardiology
 - Wound Care
 - Urology
 - Mental Health
 - Nutrition
 - Social Work
 - Speech
 - Occupational therapy
 - Physical therapy
 - Dermatology
 - MOVE!
 - Women's Health
 - Home Telehealth Screening/Enrollment
 - Telehealth Live Scheduling
 - Telehealth Equipment Troubleshooting
 - My HealtheVet Enrollment

Please call 515-401-5452 to schedule



WWW.IOWAWORKSFORVETERANS.GOV



Veteran Career Planners

Veteran Career Planners (VCPs) are located in most IowaWORKS Centers across the state. VCPs work directly with eligible Veterans and other eligible persons by providing individualized career services to prepare for and secure suitable employment.

Such services include:

- Comprehensive assessments of skills levels
- Development of an Individual Employment Plan
- Development of job interviewing and resume writing skills
- Provision of individual career planning services
- Assistance with placing eligible Veterans in federally-funded employment and training programs
- Referrals to supportive services

**Iowa WORKS for Veterans
Mobile Office**

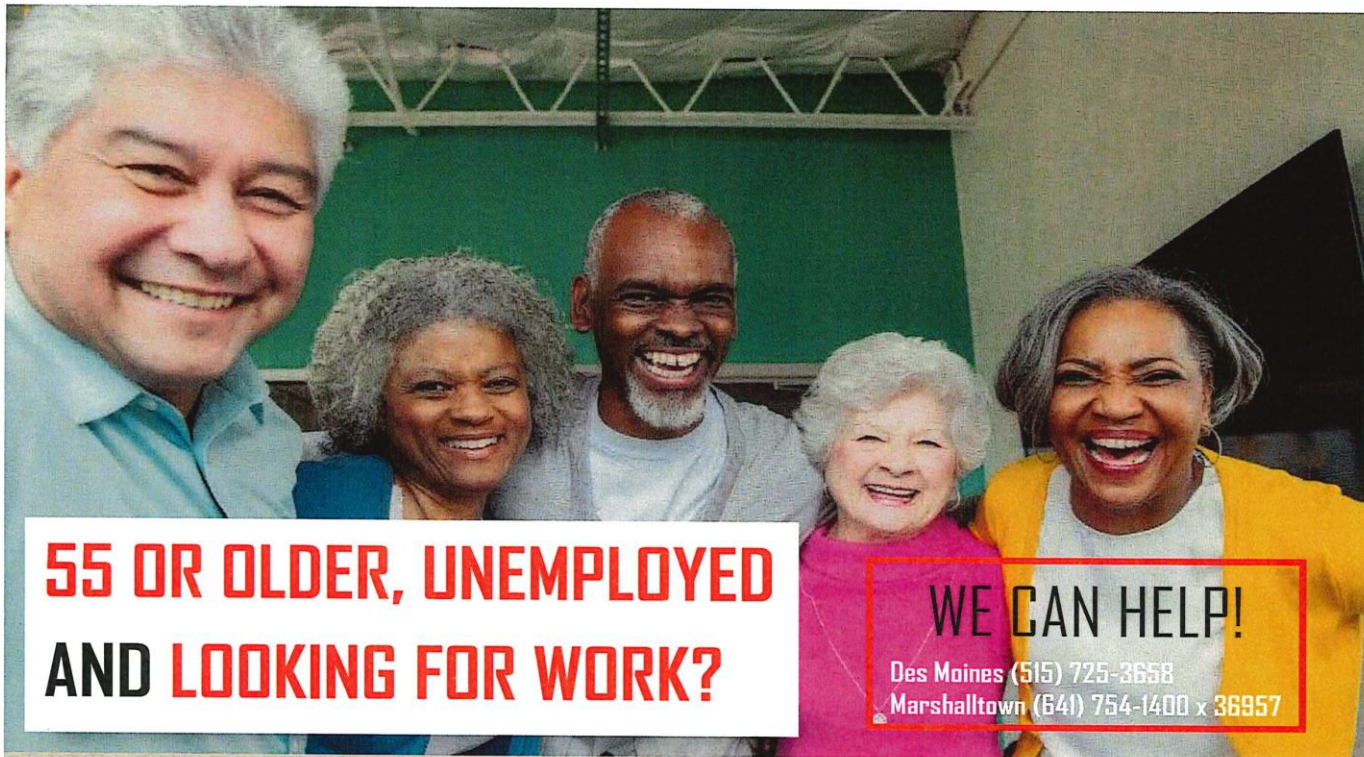
*800 Court St
Conference Room 2001
Adel, IA 50003
9AM-3PM*

Dates:

- February 18, 2025
- March 18, 2025
- April 15, 2025
- May 20, 2025
- June 17, 2025
- July 22, 2025
- August 19, 2025
- September 16, 2025
- October 21, 2025
- November 18, 2025
- December 16, 2025

Appointments Preferred
Please Contact:

Brent Camery
Veteran Career Planner
515-725-3632
brent.camery@iwd.iowa.gov



55 OR OLDER, UNEMPLOYED AND LOOKING FOR WORK?

WE CAN HELP!
 Des Moines (515) 725-3658
 Marshalltown (641) 754-1400 x 36957

For more than 50 years, AARP Foundation Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) has provided people over age 55 with opportunities to fill entry-level and mid-level positions with employers in their communities.

HOW IT WORKS

SCSEP trainees are placed in a variety of community service activities at nonprofit and public facilities like day care and senior centers, schools and hospitals. This on-the-job training experience can be a bridge to find employment opportunities outside of the program. Participants work an average of 20 hours a week and are paid the highest federal, state or local minimum wage.

WHO'S ELIGIBLE?

You must be age 55 or older, unemployed and financially qualified. Please contact your local office to learn more about the financial qualifications.

AARP Foundation SCSEP is funded by a \$46,889,529 grant from the U.S. Department of Labor. This funding provides 90% of the support for SCSEP, with AARP Foundation matching 10%.

OTHER BENEFITS

We provide participants with assessments, training and support services that are important for finding future employment. The services include:

- Individual Employment Plan (IEP) development
- Computer literacy and other specialized training to prepare for placements
- Wages and fringe benefits
- Annual physicals
- Assistance in securing future employment

WHAT KINDS OF JOBS ARE AVAILABLE?

You could be placed in a wide variety of community service positions at both nonprofit and public facilities including day care and senior centers, governmental agencies, schools, hospitals and libraries. These training assignments help build the skills and experience needed to obtain future employment. Additional training through lectures, seminars, one-on-one instruction, training programs and community colleges may also be provided.

Learn more at aarpfoundation.org

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 For a future without senior poverty.