Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development Veteran Services
Veteran Demographics

- **Highest Percentage of Veterans**
  - 14% of adults are veterans
  - 72,090

- **Highest Percentage of Native Veterans**
  - 7% (5,300) Native veterans

- **Low veteran unemployment rate**
  - AK = 5.1%
  - US = 6.6%
Job Center Locations

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section (7/11)
Veteran Eligibility

Qualified Veteran

- Veteran
  - Served at least one day in the military
  - Discharged with other than a dishonorable discharge
Eligible Spouse Defined

Eligible Spouse - The spouse of any of the following:

- **Living veteran:**
  - Missing in action, captured in the line of duty, detained or confined and has been so listed for a total of more than 90 days
  - Possesses a total service-connected disability

- **Deceased veteran:**
  - That died of a service-connected disability
  - Who died while a disability was in existence
Transitioning Service Members (TSM)

- TSMs are active military members transitioning out of service:
  - Either:
    - Retiring after 20+ years of service
  Or
  - Separating after any number of years of service
Veterans’ Priority of Service

Priority of Service = “Head of the line”

- Priority of service means that a veteran, eligible spouse, or transitioning service member will receive access to employment and training services at Alaska job centers before a non-covered job seeker does.
How Alaska Job Centers Provide Veterans’ Priority of Service

- Head of the line privileges
- ALEXsys job orders are viewable to veterans only, for the first 24 hours
- Several job centers have computers reserved solely for use by veterans
- Limited training funds always go to veterans before consideration of non-veterans
Job Center Services

Services typically include:

- Explaining employment benefits and rights
  - Priority of service

- Assistance with polishing resumes and cover letters
  - Reducing or removing military jargon is key

- Assessing and developing interviewing skills
  - Many have never had a formal job interview

- Certifications and Apprenticeships information
  - Use of Veteran Affairs GI Bill or educational benefits

- Referrals to other state and federal agencies for additional services
  - Especially important with veterans (State DVR or VA Voc. Rehab services)
Veteran Employment Representatives

- Assist veterans with a Significant Barrier to Employment (SBE)
  - **US DOL Secretary defined SBE**
    - 6 Categories
    - 1 additional population
  - **Vet Reps provide intensive services – Case Management**
Veteran Representative Responsibility Areas

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Alaska Job Center Network

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Veteran Services

The Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development provides Priority of Service for Veterans and Eligible spouses in all Qualified Job Training Programs funded in whole or in part by the U. S. Department of Labor.

Priority of service means that veterans and eligible spouses are given priority over non-covered persons for the receipt of employment, training and placement services provided under a qualified job training program.

What we provide:

- Priority Job Referral
- Career Counseling
- Career Assessment
- Employment Assessment
- Job Development
- Labor Market Information
- Education Assessment
- Job Search Workshops
- Special Programs
- Testing
- Referral to Educational Services
- Resume Assistance

If you are interested in any of these services please contact your nearest Alaska Job Center. The Job Centers in Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Mat-Su have veteran employment assistance specialists assigned to them. All Job Centers have staff ready to provide service to veterans.

Please send comments and suggestions about this site to the Veterans’ Program Coordinator.

The Alaska Job Center Network is an equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services are available to individuals with disabilities upon request.
Any Questions?
Statewide Veteran Coordinator

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