

## **DOL VETS in-person audit completed at Blaine, St. Cloud, and Duluth**

- Expecting a final report by next week

## **Camp Ripley Job Fair on June 18, 2024**

- 100 employers
- 5 Sponsors
- 175 service members

**The current UI rate for Vets is 2.8%.**

**Underemployment continues to be an issue at 33%.**

**We are working with MN National Guard and Reserve Units to address this issue.**

## **VPL 05-24 JVSG Staff Roles & Responsibilities**

### **Background**

Veterans Program Letter (VPL) No. 05-24 identifies and consolidates the roles, responsibilities, and duties that the Jobs for Veterans State Grant (JVSG) staff are expected to perform and discusses the relationship between JVSG and other programs within the workforce development system. It emphasizes statutory duties and describes staffing flexibilities available to states to meet their JVSG responsibilities while maximizing the integration of services and collaboration of partners in the American Job Centers (AJCs).

Additionally, VPL No. 05-24 addresses the respective roles and responsibilities of JVSG staff and WIOA-funded program staff in continuing to provide quality services to Veterans on a priority basis. Please note, that the term “AJC staff” refers to any DOL-funded program staff who work in an AJC other than those funded by JVSG and is used throughout VPL No. 05-24.

The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) and Veterans Employment and Training Services (VETS) are issuing VPL No. 05-24 and a forthcoming Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) to clarify JVSG staff’s statutory duties to ensure that:

- 1) Eligible participants receive the best combination of services;
- 2) Disabled Veterans' Outreach Program (DVOP) specialists devote more time to provide individualized career services to those most in need as described in this guidance; and
- 3) Local Veterans' Employment Representatives (LVER) conduct targeted outreach to assist employers in fulfilling their workforce needs with job-seeking Veterans.

## **Highlights**

### **Eligible veterans must have served 180 consecutive days.**

DVOP specialists are required to:

- Carry out **individualized career services** and facilitate placements to meet the employment needs of eligible populations.
- According to 38 U.S.C. § 4103A(a), deliver those services to eligible veterans in the following priority order:
  - First: to special disabled veterans;
  - Second: to other disabled veterans;
  - Third: to other eligible veterans in accordance with priorities determined by the Secretary.
- Place maximum emphasis on assisting eligible populations who are economically or educationally disadvantaged.

VPL 05-24 added eligible populations for DVOP services.

- Other disability. Eligible veterans and eligible persons who **self-identify as having a disability**, as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. § 12102.
- A recently separated veteran, defined in 38 U.S.C. § 4211(6) as a veteran discharged or released from active duty within the last three years.

- Unemployed - they do not have to be UI applicants or no longer need to be unemployed for 27 weeks as stated in previous VPLs (VPL 3-14 change 1 and 2)
- Heads of single-parent households containing at least one dependent child