



100 Days...100 Veterans...100 Employers

# Hiring Event and Resource Fair

OPEN TO ALL JOB SEEKERS

## Maine Hire-A-Vet Campaign 2023 Schedule of Events

Welcome to the Maine Hire-A-Vet Campaign for 2023. Delivering a new event model, we hope this method helps better connect employers and job seekers. Whether you are an employer, Veteran or public job seeker, the Maine Hire-A-Vet Committee will be providing monthly in-person hiring events across Maine throughout the 100-day campaign. In addition, we will be presenting various educational programs at each event that will be a benefit to Veteran and non-Veteran job seekers as well as employers. We look forward to your participation in our additional events for the 2023 Maine Hire-A-Vet Campaign.

Please Note: Employers are required to be registered in the Maine JobLink with at least one active job posted to their account on the day of the event or events they wish to attend. Don't have Maine JobLink account? Registration for Maine JobLink is quick by visiting <https://joblink.maine.gov/> and selecting the employer tab at the top of the page. Having a National Labor Exchange account satisfies this requirement. For other questions, you can email us at [MaineHireAVet.DOL@maine.gov](mailto:MaineHireAVet.DOL@maine.gov).

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### Thursday, August 17, 2023

10:30–11 a.m.

#### Campaign Opening Ceremony Live at the Augusta Civic Center

Welcome by Leo Deon Jr., Veterans' Program Manager

Posting of the Colors—MDOL Veterans Team Color Guard

Celebrating our National Anthem—Sung by Nicole Frydrych, Volunteers of America, Northern New England Campaign Remarks and Introduction of Distinguished Speakers by Leo Deon Jr.

Distinguished Speakers Remarks

Conclusion

11 a.m.–3 p.m.

#### Kick-Off In-Person Hiring Event at the Augusta Civic Center

- Join us in the Conference Area to meet with employers from across the state looking to hire
- Veteran resource providers will also be onsite to meet with Transitioning Service Members and Veterans regarding support services available to the military community
- Special presentations for Veteran and non-Veteran job seekers along with employers
- Sport Clips will be onsite providing **FREE** haircuts to Veterans—Must show proof of military affiliation
- *Tables and Chairs are provided for this event and tables assigned*

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## EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS:

**11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.**

### **Veteran Hiring for Employers—Basic Training**

#### **Maine Department of Labor—Leo Deon, Veterans Program Manager**

Veterans' Program Manager Leo Deon will present on strategies and tactics useful to employers looking to hire Veterans. Topics be addressed include military culture & values, decoding the military discharge document (DD 214) in addition to interviewing and onboarding Veterans. This is a “must attend” presentation for any business seeking to hire Veterans.

**1:30–2:30 p.m.**

### **Resume Writing**

#### **Northern Light Health—Alex McDowell, Recruiter**

Join Alex McDowell, a Northern Light Health Recruiter, and an Army veteran/retiree, to explore the world of resume writing. This program will include tips on what to include and not include in a resume, formatting, application systems and more!

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## **Thursday, September 21, 2023**

**11 a.m.–3 p.m.**

### **Monthly In-Person Hiring Event at Eastern Maine Community College, Bangor**

- Join us at Eastern Maine Community College to meet with local area employers looking to hire
- Veteran resource providers will also be onsite to meet with Transitioning Service Members and Veterans regarding support services available to the military community
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- ***Employers to provide their own Tables - Chairs provided and set up is on a first-come, first-served arrangement***

## EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS:

**11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.**

### **Tips & Tricks of Interviewing**

#### **Northern Light Health—Alex McDowell, Recruiter**

Join Alex McDowell, Northern Light Health Recruiter, and an Army veteran/retiree, to learn more about interviewing. This program will include tips on interviewing preparation, in person and video conference interviewing, when to follow up after an interview and more!

**1:30–2:30 p.m.**

### **Applying for State Jobs in Maine**

#### **State of Maine Human Resources—Meghan Jellison**

Meet with State of Maine Human Resource Representative Meghan Jellison and learn what career opportunities exist in Maine state government and how to apply for positions.

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**Thursday, October 19, 2023**

**11 a.m.–3 p.m.**

**Monthly In-Person Hiring Event at The Point, South Portland**

- Join us at The Point to meet with local area employers looking to hire
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**EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS:**

**11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.**

**Leveraging GI Bill Benefits for Education**

**VA VR&E—Kaiti Littlefield**

**Veterans Upward Bound—Don Wilkinson and Kelsey Bailey**

Co-Presentation with VA VR&E along with Veterans Upward Bound. Meet with Veteran Readiness & Employment staff to learn more about services offered for Veteran's with service-connected disabilities as well as how to maximize VR&E and GI Bill education benefits, employment services, and Independent Living Services. This followed by Veterans Upward Bound (VUB), an organization that works with Maine veterans to prepare for enrollment at the college or program of their choice. VUB services are free-of-charge and are designed for veterans who have not yet completed a bachelor's degree. Join the VUB team to learn about the services we offer for veterans interested in furthering their education.

**1:30–2:30 p.m.**

**State of Maine Vocational Rehabilitation Services**

**Bureau of Rehabilitation Services—Audrey Hilton LHeureux and Chris Carson**

Staff from the Maine Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) will provide an overview of the services available to find, keep, and advance in employment. Topics include strategies to assess a career pathway and how to develop an Individualized Plan for Employment (IPE). They will also discuss case studies demonstrating how VR services led to meaningful employment.

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**Thursday November 9, 2023**

**11 a.m.-3 p.m.**

**Monthly In-Person Hiring Event at The Auburn Mall, Auburn**

- Join us at Auburn Mall to meet with local area employers looking to hire
- Veteran resource providers will also be onsite to meet with Transitioning Service Members and Veterans regarding support services available to the military community
- Special presentations for Veteran and non-Veteran job seekers along with employers
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**Maine Apprenticeship Program**

**Maine Department of Labor—Benjamin Kenney**

Registered apprenticeships can be a great opportunity for employers to train their workforce and for jobseekers to “earn while they learn”. In addition, individuals eligible for GI Bill benefits can receive those benefits while they are an apprentice. In this webinar, the Maine Apprenticeship Program will provide an overview of registered apprenticeships, discuss benefits to employers and jobseekers, and explain how to start or join an apprenticeship program.

**1:30-2:30 p.m.**

**HIRE VETS Medallion Recognition Program**

**Maine Department of Labor—Leo Deon, Veterans Program Manager**

Please join us as our 2023 MHAV Campaign Coordinator and Veterans’ Program Manager; Leo Deon presents on the US DOL HIRE VETS A Vets Medallion Program, The HIRE VETS Medallion Program is a federal recognition awarded by the Department of Labor to employers that demonstrate a commitment to Veteran hiring, retention, and professional development. Please note, this is an employer only program.

**Thank you to all our participating employers and resource providers as we deliver employment support and services to our Veteran and Military Service Members.**



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