

## **Veteran's Information**

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Veteran Employment Representatives provide a variety of services to Veterans and Qualifying Dependents of Veterans. Veterans are classified into categories, Recently Separated, Newly Separated, Disabled Veterans, and Veteran. Veterans are given priority in all program areas of the Workforce Investment Act, Wagner Peyser, and Jobs for Veterans Act of 2002. The Veterans Representative is funded federally through the states one stop service initiative of the WIA of 1998. The Veterans Employment Representatives are also categorized in two designations a Disabled Veterans OutReach and Local Veterans Employment Representative. Though the responsibilities are different for the two titles, the mission is the same, helping Veterans.

The Veterans Representatives work solely with Veterans to assist and direct Veterans to the various services in the one stop. They also help Veterans having certain needs find assistance whether in the PA CareerLink, Veterans Administration, County offices, or community or faith based organizations that may be helpful to the Veteran's needs. The areas may cover many issues: housing, health benefits, counseling, education, workshops, resumes, interviewing techniques, intensive job search, and many other subjects. Some of the areas will be discussed below.

Veteran Representatives will assist the Veteran in job searching, utilizing the PA CareerLink system, USAJOBS, and any of the many employment websites.

We encourage all Veterans to take advantage of the benefits of the Montgomery GI Bill to increase the educational opportunities available to them. In addition, we partner with other agencies to provide training opportunities to Veterans who may not have access to the GI Bill.

We work with other Veteran Organizations to help veterans who may need health care, who may want to apply for a service connected disability, or to apply for an upgrade of their existing service connected disability.

We direct all Veterans who have a service connected disability and who are eligible to apply for VA Vocational Rehabilitation. The Veterans Administration helps in areas of education, training, self-employment, special needs to secure employment, and many other areas to enable the disabled Veteran to be a productive employee.

We encourage any veteran who feels they can utilize our services to visit the PA CareerLink or call us at (814) 533-2274 or (814) 533-2348. In addition, on Monday mornings or Thursday afternoons, we can be reached at the Cambria County Courthouse by calling (814) 472-1590, and on Tuesdays at the NORCAM Building in Northern Cambria (814) 948-4443. We also can be reached on the following website [www.cambriacareerlink.org](http://www.cambriacareerlink.org). **All of our services are free of charge.**