

## Fulton, Montgomery & Schoharie Counties



# New York State Department of Labor Local Veterans' Employment Monthly Newsletter



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### HOW TO TRANSLATE YOUR MILITARY SKILLS INTO CIVILIAN TERMS

Members of the United States Armed Forces gain valuable knowledge and skills through their service.

Strong leadership abilities, interpersonal skills and high-stress decision-making exhibited by servicemembers often mirrors that of top CEOs.

However, many service persons transitioning to the civilian sector fail to translate their **military experience into civilian terms**. Soldierly jargon tends to get lost in translation.

Nevertheless, interpreting skills from your military time is imperative when seeking gainful employment.

Thankfully, all it takes to translate your skills into civilian terms is creative thinking and a few online resources.

For assistance, please visit:

[https://  
www.careeronestop.org/  
Toolkit/Jobs/match-  
veteran-jobs.aspx](https://www.careeronestop.org/Toolkit/Jobs/match-veteran-jobs.aspx)

## Looking for a Job? Start Here!

### Mini Job Fair

February 27, 2019 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

**FMS Workforce Career Center  
2620 Riverfront Center, Amsterdam, NY 12010**

Many hiring businesses from different industry sectors will be at this event to showcase hundreds of available local job opportunities.

**To Attend:** No appointment necessary. Dress for success.  
Bring plenty of resumes.

For more information, please call: (518) 842 - 3676, Extension 3058

### Veterans with Disabilities Employment Program (55-c)

New York State wants to employ Veterans. Section 55-c of the New York State Civil Service Law authorizes 500 positions to be filled with qualified wartime Veterans with disabilities. Applicants must meet the minimum qualifications for the position but are not required to take an examination. Eligible Veterans are not guaranteed state employment and are not placed on a hiring list.

#### Eligibility

Eligibility does not require certification by the Employee Health Service (EHS) of the New York State Department of Civil Service. A letter of certification of a service-connected disability rating of 10% or higher from the U.S. Veterans Administration (U.S. VA) will be requested. Any Veteran who has received the Purple Heart medal or who has a disability rating assigned by the U.S. VA of at least 10 percent is automatically eligible.

#### More Information

If you already have a 55-c Letter of Eligibility (LOE) and would like to use the Recruitment Resource Center as a job seeker, please visit the NYS Civil Service website at:

<http://www.cs.ny.gov/rp55/>

If you would like to learn more about the 55-c program, including how to apply for a 55-c Letter of Eligibility (LOE), please visit the NYS Civil Service website at:

<http://www.cs.ny.gov/rp55/elig.cfm>

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### Requesting a Copy of Your DD Form 214

A DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) is generally issued when a service member performs active duty or at least 90 consecutive days of active duty training. The Report of Separation contains information normally needed to verify military service for benefits, retirement, employment, and membership in Veterans' organizations.

The National Personnel Records Center is the government agency tasked with replacing lost or destroyed DD Form 214s. More information on how to request military service records can be found on the National Archives website at: <http://www.archives.gov/Veterans/>

NYS Division of Veterans Affairs can assist in requesting to obtain documentation.

#### **Additional Assistance:**

If you would like to learn more about the benefits and services you may be eligible for as a Veteran, servicemember, or as a family member of a Veteran or servicemember, please call the New York State Division of Veterans' Affairs Help Line at 1.888.838.7697 (VETSNYS), where you may also schedule an appointment with one of our Veterans Benefits Advisors.

## Offices in Amsterdam, Gloversville & Cobleskill

### **Amsterdam:**

2620 Riverfront Center  
Amsterdam, NY 12010  
Phone: (518) 842-3676  
Fax: (518) 842-9823  
Hours 8:30-4:30, Monday  
through Friday

### **Cobleskill:**

795 East Main Street Suite 4  
Cobleskill, NY 12043  
Phone: (518) 842-3676  
Fax: (518) 234-4256  
Hours 8:30-4:30, Monday  
through Friday

### **Gloversville:**

43-47 North Main Street  
Gloversville, NY 12078  
Phone: (518) 842-3676  
Fax: (518) 773-8202  
Hours 8:30-4:30, Tuesday  
through Thursday