



# Schedule of Events

Campaign Runs August 18, 2022 to November 23, 2022

## Campaign Kick-Off | Augusta Civic Center | Thursday, August 18, 2022

Join us as we kick off the campaign with Maine's largest hiring event.

Doors open at 10 a.m. for a brief celebratory opening ceremony immediately leading to our in person hiring event from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Come meet with employers from across the state looking to hire immediately.

Bring your resume and dress for success.

## Weekly Educational Programming—Virtual Via Zoom

### Tuesday, August 23, 2022 | 10 – 11 a.m.

**Organization:** Maine Department of Labor-Veterans Employment Team

**Presenter:** Leo Deon Jr., MDOL Veterans Representative

**Presentation Topic:** *Veteran Hiring for Employers Basic Training* – Local Veteran Employment Representative 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 Veterans. This is a “must attend” presentation for any business seeking to hire Veterans. Please note, this is an employer only program.

**To register for this program, contact** Veterans Representative J.R. Abbott at 207-490-4659 | TTY users call Maine Relay 711 | [Francis.n.abbott@maine.gov](mailto:Francis.n.abbott@maine.gov)

## Weekly Educational Programming—Virtual Via Zoom

### Tuesday, August 30, 2022 | 10 – 11 a.m.

**Organization:** Finance Authority of Maine (FAME)

**Presenter:** Nikki Vachon, College Access Counselor

**Presentation Topic:** *What you need to know about the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Temporary Waiver Ending in October* - If you are paying on federal student loans while working for a Non-Profit, Government or Tribal agency you could be on the pathway to loan forgiveness, but you need to opt into the program. Some of the barriers to PSLF borrowers have experienced in the past are being temporarily waived BUT you must act before the waiver ends.

Join us for this session to learn more about the program and how you can benefit from it.

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## Weekly Educational Programming—Virtual Via Zoom

### Tuesday, September 6, 2022 | 10 – 11 a.m.

**Organization:** Maine Department of Labor-Veterans Employment Team

**Presenter:** Brad Bean, MDOL Veterans Representative

**Presentation Topic:** *Veteran Resume Building*-This presentation will cover the essential elements of building a resume and address to how to translate your military skill sets into language that civilian hiring managers can understand and apply to the job.

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## Weekly Educational Programming—Virtual Via Zoom

Tuesday, September 13, 2022 | 10 – 11 a.m.

**Organization:** VA Maine Healthcare System

**Presenter:** Kylie Higgins, Chief, VA Center for Development & Civic Engagement

**Presentation Topic:** *VA Volunteer Opportunities* - Interested in becoming a Volunteer with VA Maine?! Founded in 1946 to provide for our nation's Veterans while they are cared for by VA health care facilities and is one of the largest centralized volunteer programs in the Federal government where more than 7,400 national and community organizations support the program. Volunteers assist Veteran patients by augmenting staff with end-of-life care programs, foster care, community-based volunteer programs, hospital wards, nursing homes, and Veteran outreach centers. Join our presentation to learn more about VA Maine Volunteer assignments and programs, come Volunteer with us!

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## Monthly Virtual Hiring Event Via Zoom

Thursday, September 15, 2022 | 1 – 4 p.m.

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This event is open to all job seekers!

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## Weekly Educational Programming—Virtual Via Zoom

Tuesday, September 20, 2022 | 10 – 11 a.m.

**Organization:** Military OneSource

**Presenter:** Bear Parker, Military OneSource Maine State Consultant

**Presentation Topic:** *Overview of Military OneSource Services and Resources* – Join us for Bear Parker as he will cover financial service, access to scholarships for service members, My Career Advancement Account Scholarship (MyCAA), Military Spouse Education & Career Opportunities (SECO) and financial planning for education.

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## Weekly Educational Programming—Virtual Via Zoom

Tuesday, September 27, 2022 | 10 – 11 a.m.

**Organization:** The Salvation Army

**Presenter:** Jeremy Kendall, Regional Coordinator

**Presentation Topic:** *Operation Red Shield Military and Veterans Service Program* - History of the Salvation Army and military support and services. Talk about Operation Red Shield as a national initiative, then discuss the practice in Maine.

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## Weekly Educational Programming—Virtual Via Zoom

Tuesday, October 4, 2022 | 10 – 11 a.m.

**Organization:** Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR)

**Presenters:** Dennis Wellman, Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) Maine Committee Chair; Debbie Kelly, Maine Director, US Department of Labor, Veterans' Employment and Training (IS DOL VETS; ) Bethanie Mazzaro, Volunteer Support Technician, for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve

**Presentation Topic:** *Panel Discussion* on the Department of Defense program that promotes cooperation and understanding between Reserve Component Service members and their civilian employers and to assist in the resolution of conflicts arising from an employee's military commitment through The Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA) which is a federal law that establishes rights and responsibilities for uniformed Service members and their civilian employers.

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## Weekly Educational Programming—Virtual Via Zoom

Tuesday, October 11, 2022 | 10 – 11 a.m.

**Organization:** MaineGeneral Health

**Presenter:** Kathryn Carey

**Presentation Topic:** *Veteran Interviewing Skills*-Learn how to best present yourself at interviews to be confident, competent, and collected when trying to land your next job.

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Tuesday, October 18, 2022 | 10 – 11 a.m.

## Weekly Educational Programming—Virtual Via Zoom

**Organization:** Elizabeth Dole Foundation

**Presenter:** Marjorie Pennington, Maine Elizabeth Dole Caregiver Fellow

**Presentation Topic:** *Hidden Heroes - Supporting Military and Veteran Caregivers*-The Elizabeth Dole Foundation is the preeminent organization empowering, supporting, and honoring our nation's 5.5 million military caregivers; the spouses, parents, family members, and friends who care for America's wounded, ill, or injured veterans. Founded by Senator Elizabeth Dole in 2012, the Foundation adopts a comprehensive approach in its advocacy, working with leaders in the public, private, nonprofit and faith communities to recognize military caregivers' service and promote their well-being.

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**Tuesday, October 25, 2022 | 10 – 11 a.m.**

## **Weekly Educational Programming—Virtual Via Zoom**

**Organization:** Maine Department of Labor Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

**Presenter:** Roger Stefani, VRC II/Business Development & Outreach

**Presentation Topic:** *Progressive Employment and Vocational Rehabilitation*-Introduction for individuals entering the workforce for the first time or with a lengthy gap in employment. Progressive Employment helps get them acclimated to the work environment to include informational interviewing.

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**Tuesday, November 1, 2022 | 10 – 11 a.m.**

## **Weekly Educational Programming—Virtual Via Zoom**

**Organization:** VA Homeless Veteran Program

**Presenter:** Daniel Martins, Homeless Veterans Community Employment Coordinator

**Presentation Topic:** *Employment and Resources for Homeless Veterans*-Veterans experiencing homelessness have resources available to start them on their recovery journey from where they've been to where they can be. Employment is one of the key elements in helping veterans attain and keep stable housing, quality of life, and meaningful involvement in their communities here in Maine. Topics in this presentation include an introduction to VA Homeless Programs, Community Employment programs and partnerships, Community Employment Coordinators, and making employment a reality for homeless Veterans.

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## **Weekly Educational Programming—Virtual Via Zoom**

**Tuesday, November 8, 2022 | 10 – 11 a.m.**

**Organization:** Veterans Administration

**Presenters:** Daniel Martins, Homeless Veterans Community Employment Coordinator and David Young, Veteran Readiness & Employment Counsellor

**Presentation Topic:** *Spotlight on VA Stepping Stone Programs to Employment*-The VBA Veteran Readiness & Employment program assists veterans with service-connected disabilities prepare for, obtain, and maintain suitable employment, and/or live as independently as possible. Non-Paid Work Experience (NPWE) assists VR&E eligible Veterans gain hands-on, work specific training that supplements other training or experience in specified facilities within the VHA system. The VHA CWT – Transitional Work program provides vocational rehabilitation for veterans through a combination of temporary paid work experience and mental health treatment.

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## **Weekly Educational Programming—Virtual Via Zoom**

**Organization:** Maine Department of Labor – Maine Apprenticeship Program

**Presenter:** Kristine McCallister

**Presentation Topic:** *Maine Registered Apprenticeship Program*- 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.

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**Thursday, November 17, 2022 | 1 – 4 p.m.**

## **Monthly Virtual Hiring Event Via Zoom**

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**Tuesday, November 22, 2022 | 10 – 11 a.m.**

## **Weekly Educational Programming—Virtual Via Zoom**

**Organization:** MHAV Campaign Committee

**Presenter:** Leo Deon, MDOL Veterans Representative

**Presentation Topic:** *Maine Hire Vets Medallion Program*-Please join us as our 2022 MHAV Campaign Coordinator; Leo Deon a Veterans Employment Representative, Presents the US DOL Hire A Vets Medallion Program, The Hire Vets Medallion Program is a national 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

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**Thursday, December 1, 2022 | 1 – 4 p.m.**

## **Campaign Sponsor Appreciation Virtual Hiring Event Via Zoom**

Join the Maine Hire-A-Vet Campaign Committee, as we recognize our sponsors by hosting a "Sponsor's Only" statewide hiring event. This event will feature our sponsoring employers who make this campaign possible with their support!!

These employers are statewide and will be recruiting for their workforce needs. This event is open to ALL job seekers.

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