



Military Outreach Group

24 Aug 21

Past: Major events/activities over last two months and impact made

- Women Veteran Innovation Summit: 8 Jun 21
 - More than 55 women Veterans and women with an interest in Veterans participated
 - Results were incorporated into our FY21-22 Action Plan
 - Plan to make this an annual event feeding into each year's Action Plan
- Veteran Virtual Job Fair: 23 Jun 21 – successful linking of Veterans with state government jobs
- First department budget approved by General Assembly in June, allowing for expansion and reorganization of the Department – ongoing hiring actions as we fill out the team

Future: Major events/activities over next three months | Who is impacted? | Why this is important?

- Stakeholders Meeting: 9 Sep 21
 - 1000-1200
 - Pastides Alumni Center
 - Purpose of the event:
 - Establish or renew relationships among those with an interest in Veterans;
 - Familiarize stakeholders with the Department's Campaign Design; and
 - Brief the stakeholders on the Department's FY 21-22 Action Plan.
 - Limited seating - invitees include:
 - 20 Veteran Service Organizations
 - 5 Community Veteran Engagement Boards
 - 27 non-profit organizations
 - 6 Continuum of Care representatives
 - 16 state government leaders

- 11 representatives of our military bases
 - 23 media representatives
 - 10 leaders from the US Department of Veterans Affairs
 - 7 representatives of economic development organizations
 - South Carolina's US Senators and Representatives (expecting only staff attendance)
- Event will be live-streamed on SCETV
- Military Base Commanders' Brief to the Governor: 7 Oct 21
- State Government Virtual Veteran Career Fair: 9 Nov 21

Opportunities: For greater partnership between community, businesses, and military

- FY21-22 budget included an unexpected \$8 million in base protection funding, intended for projects that will enhance the operational capacity of our military bases or the quality of life of military families – working through the Military Base Task Force, military bases, and surrounding communities to identify the most promising investments
- Education and Employment Opportunities:
 - Midlands Tech education fair offers full scholarships for some technical jobs
 - Event is being held by Zoom today and tomorrow
 - Link on Midlands Tech website
 - US Postal Service hiring 100,000 new employees before the end of October; Military Programs coordinator Neana Long (neana.m.long@usps.gov)
 - Department of Labor Veteran Apprenticeship Programs in the Midlands, Apprenticeship Carolina (<https://www.apprenticeshipcarolina.com>)
- Our website has links to multiple resources for Veterans working to adjust to the recent events in Afghanistan

Issues/Concerns: In the process of hiring a regional integration officer for the Midlands; will represent the Department at this meeting in the future