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WorkSource Oregon hosts Veterans' employment and resource fairs in Hermiston and La Grande

Veterans, service members, and military families encouraged to attend

Hermiston, Ore. — WorkSource Oregon invites Veterans, National Guard service members, and military spouses and families to attend the Veteran, Service Member, and Family Employment and Resource Fair in Hermiston on Tuesday, June 23, and in La Grande on Wednesday, June 24. The fairs will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day, and there is no cost to attend. Registration is recommended.

Participants can take part in a variety of activities in a welcoming, family-friendly environment:

- Meet with local employers who are ready to hire qualified Veterans, service members, and their family members.
- Explore education, training, and career options with support from experienced professionals.
- Learn more about health care, housing, and crisis and emergency services.
- Speak with staff from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs about resources for Veterans and their families.
- Enjoy food from local businesses, haircuts, and more — at no cost.

WorkSource Oregon is partnering with community organizations and agencies — including the Pacific Northwest Veterans' Alliance, Oregon National Guard, and High

Timber Dreams — to expand this event, now in its second year, across two days in two locations.

“This year, we are bringing even more resources to Veterans and service members in Eastern Oregon to help them secure long-term employment and stable housing,” said Stephanie Hansen, Veteran employment representative with WorkSource Oregon. “Our rural communities and partners have stepped up once again, accepting the call to support those who have served and working together to build a meaningful event for our heroes.”

Eligible Veterans can access expungement screening services during the La Grande fair on June 24. Space is limited, and advanced screening is required. Interested Veterans should contact Hansen at 541-975-0851.

“When we support Veterans, service members, and their families, we’re doing more than offering services — we’re opening doors to meaningful employment and long-term economic stability,” said Jim Pfarrer, director of the Oregon Employment Department’s Workforce Operations division. “Strong communities recognize the value Veterans bring to the workforce and work together to ensure every job seeker has a clear path to opportunity.”

The Oregon Employment Department and WorkSource Oregon are proud to partner with businesses and employers across the state to connect them with qualified workers. If you are interested in collaborating on a hiring event or learning more about our resources for employers, please contact EmployerServices@oregon.gov.

Event Details

Hermiston location:

Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2026

Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Location: Army National Guard Recruiting Office, 900 SE Columbia Drive, Hermiston, OR 97838

Registration: <https://forms.office.com/g/04psmGkQA9>

La Grande location:

Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2026

Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Location: Blue Mountain Conference Center, 404 12th Street, La Grande, OR 97850

Registration: <https://forms.office.com/g/04psmGkQA9>

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About Workforce Operations and WorkSource Oregon

The Oregon Employment Department's Workforce Operations division is a partner in WorkSource Oregon, a consortium of state agencies and local workforce boards, and operates 37 WorkSource Oregon centers across the state. WorkSource Oregon offers a wide range of free services to job seekers, employers, and businesses, including personalized career coaching, resume writing, job search strategies, support for job postings and hiring incentives, and access to labor-market data. Visit worksourceoregon.org for more information.

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The Jobs for Veterans' State Grant provides federal funding to conduct outreach to the business community and engage in advocacy efforts to increase employment opportunities for Veterans. The grant also provides funding for individualized career and training-related services to Veterans and eligible persons with significant barriers to employment.

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