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Eastern Montana Veterans' Stand Down

Job Service Miles City recently hosted the 7th Annual Eastern Montana Veterans' Stand Down on September 10, at the Miles City Veterans Administration Auditorium. This is the second time the Stand Down event has been hosted in the Miles City area.



This year's event offered 14 vendors that provided a variety of services for veterans and their families including a local barber shop who provided complimentary haircuts. Homeless and Disabled Veterans were among the Veterans in attendance.

Marine Corps Volunteers presented the flags to kick off the opening ceremony, accompanied by Miles City's own Barber Shop Ensemble singing the National Anthem, as well as the Armed Services Medley. Steve Olson, Region 3 Workforce Services Director, introduced Penny Zimmerman, who attended on behalf of Senator Jon Tester, while Jim Korth represented Senator Steve Daines. Both Peggy and Jim welcomed Veterans and their families, and spoke on behalf of the Senators. Miles City RSVP volunteers served breakfast and lunch for Veterans and families, as well as for volunteers and vendors.



Other agencies that helped make this year's Stand Down such a success included staff from Job Service Sidney; Job Service Glendive; Montana Department of Labor Administrator, Scott Eychner; Shad Barrows, the Homeless Vet Representative for the VA; Chad Flynn, Service Coordinator with Volunteers of America - Supportive Services for Veterans Families; and Keith Olson, Veteran Service Officer with the State of Montana.

Top 20 Apprentice-able Trades

Top 20 Apprentice-able Trade Occupations, by Total Annual Openings through 2024

Occupation	Minimum Education Level	Annual Openings 2014 to 2024			2014 Montana Average Annual Wage
		Openings Due to New Jobs	Openings Due to Workers Leaving	Total Annual Openings	
Carpenters	HS or GED	157	67	223	\$39,610
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	PS Award	100	115	215	\$44,069
Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators	HS or GED	64	76	140	\$46,398
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	HS or GED	54	82	136	\$33,859
Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	HS or GED	29	80	108	\$37,932
Electricians	HS or GED	48	43	91	\$60,700
Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	HS or GED	38	23	61	\$52,297
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	HS or GED	22	32	54	\$38,936
Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics, Except Engines	HS or GED	14	30	43	\$49,753
Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists	HS or GED	14	27	41	\$38,768
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	HS or GED	19	21	40	\$54,331
Machinists	HS or GED	17	19	36	\$35,720
Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Workers, All Other	HS or GED	13	13	26	\$37,097
Rotary Drill Operators, Oil and Gas	Less than HS	9	12	21	\$57,210
Sheet Metal Workers	HS or GED	11	10	20	\$50,104
Farm Equipment Mechanics and Service Technicians	HS or GED	8	12	20	\$44,000
Automotive Body and Related Repairers	HS or GED	7	12	19	\$40,409
Brickmasons and Blockmasons	HS or GED	9	4	13	\$47,296
Glaziers	HS or GED	5	7	11	\$36,090
Helpers—Extraction Workers	HS or GED	4	6	11	\$33,732

Abbreviations: HS or GED = High school diploma or GED; SCND = Some college, no degree; PS Award = Postsecondary award; Less than HS = Less than high school

Attention Employers:

This just a reminder there are two new posters that can be downloaded at <http://wsd.dli.mt.gov/employers/employment-posters>. The FLSA (Employee Rights Under the Fair Labor Standards Act) and EPPA (Employee Rights Employee Polygraph Protection Act) must be displayed by August 1st. Federal, State and local governments are not affected by EPPA. The 2/2013 version of the FMLA (Family and Medical Leave Act) poster is still in compliance, so the new poster does not have to be displayed. These changes will be revised when the Department of Labor and Industry reprints the 5 in 1 Employment Poster in January of 2017.

