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Delaware Employers Hire Returning Veterans

Wilmington, Del. February 7, 2014 -- Local Delaware employers appear to be hiring returning military members at a robust pace according to data recently released by the University of Syracuse's, [Institute for Veterans and Military Families](#) (IMVF), said John J. McMahon Jr., Delaware Secretary of Labor.

"We are thrilled Delaware employers are embracing our returning men and women," Sec. McMahon said. "These heroes provide employers a candidate pool, which as the exact traits businesses want. These service members are dedicated, technologically savvy, and understand the value of work."

According to IMVF, the Delaware unemployment rate for Gulf War Era II veterans, the most recent returning group of service members, was 12.9 percent at the end of 2011. That rate plunged to 6.4 percent at the end of 2013.

"This is a great example of Governor's Markell's leadership," Sec. McMahon said. "He has focused a spotlight on this important issue through his weekly [messages](#) and such initiatives as proclaiming September as '[Hire a Veteran Month](#).'"

Although the state's newly updated labor website, www.joblink.delaware.gov, is the most convenient way employers can find qualified veterans, the site is also the perfect place to find just about any type of qualified job seeker, Sec. McMahon said.

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