

Trucking's Commitment to Hiring America's Heroes

On Veteran's Day, we thank the brave men and women who took an oath to protect and defend our Constitution, freedom and liberties. Our veterans proudly answered the call to duty and because of their self-sacrifice and service, America continues to be the greatest country and strongest symbol of democracy in the world. Providing our service members with the resources they need while transitioning from the military into civilian life is the least we can do to repay our veterans, which is why the trucking industry has been committed to help do our part and provide job opportunities and career paths for these true American heroes.

Many trucking companies actively seek out veterans to fill positions within the industry, offering free training programs for veterans. There are several scholarships and programs available to connect skilled veterans with available jobs in the trucking industry. The industry also partnered with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation's Hiring Our Heroes Program, a program that helps veterans and transitioning service members find careers in the trucking industry, and the industry made a commitment to hiring 100,000 veterans.

Many transitioning service members join the trucking industry after their military service because there are some overlaps between the military and trucking industry, including similar machinery and operations and an emphasis on safety. Many veterans even have experience operating military vehicles.

There's also a genuine camaraderie among the seven million professionals within the industry, including the 3.5 million professional truck drivers in our country, because we share a common goal and commitment to a greater cause: safely delivering America's essential goods to communities and businesses across the country to keep our country moving forward. We take strong pride in our jobs and our industry's commitment to safety, knowing that we are delivering the goods that Americans rely on every day and keeping those we share the road with safe.

Another reason that veterans choose to join the trucking industry is because of the many job opportunities available for veterans in trucking. There are so many diverse jobs within the industry, including different jobs for truck drivers and other positions that require specific technical skills. The variety of available jobs gives veterans many options to choose from and can be based on their interest and areas of experience. These jobs offer veterans a good-paying job and steady income, great benefits and a life-long career path.

Moreover, veterans have the knowledge, relevant training and qualities required to be successful in the industry, including the discipline, job dedication and strong work ethic, and teamwork and leadership skills, which is why trucking companies want more skilled veterans to join their companies and become a part of the industry.

The industry also needs good workers. The trucking industry has been facing a driver and technical shortage; the ATA reports an industry shortage of more than 50,000 drivers. Hiring more veterans helps the industry fill open positions with skilled and well-qualified workers – keeping our industry and America strong.

This Veteran's Day weekend, the trucking industry joins together with our fellow Americans to honor and thank the brave American heroes who served our country, including those within the trucking industry who remain committed to keeping America moving forward. The industry remains dedicated to offering career resources and job opportunities to our nation's veterans who can join us in delivering to the 80 percent of American communities who rely solely on trucking for the delivery of their goods.

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