

Arizona Department of Veterans' Services offers program for unemployed veterans

The Arizona Department of Veterans' Services is proud to offer the Veteran Toolkit Program. It's designed to help unemployed veterans get the supplies they need to start working.



“It could be something as simple as you’re starting a new job, but can’t get there because your alternator went out. If that’s the only barrier between you and a job, let’s knock it down,”

ADVS Deputy Director, John Scott says.



ADVS Director, Wanda Wright, and Scott toured the state asking veterans how they could help them become gainfully employed. Veterans repeatedly said they were ready to work, but needed things to get them there, ranging from boots and tools to bicycles. 62-percent of veterans polled said if they had this program, they would have a job immediately.



“The program isn’t confined to just one industry or need. Don’t think that because it’s called the Veteran Toolkit, it’s just for construction. If you’ve done the leg work looking for employment, you have a job offer and you just need a few things to start your job, we can help,” Scott adds.

Qualifying veterans must:

- Live in Arizona
- Be enrolled in an Arizona Job Connection with ARIZONA@WORK
- Identify the job they need supplies for

During the pilot program, the Veteran Toolkit assisted 214 veterans. 81-percent of those veterans successfully began new employment. The Veteran Toolkit provides funding for supplies based on need.



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