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The National Resource Directory (NRD) provides access to services and resources at the national, state and local levels that support recovery, rehabilitation and community reintegration

February 25, 2010  
WASHINGTON — The federal departments of Veterans Affairs, Labor and Defense unveiled today an improved Web site for wounded warriors. “VA is committed to tapping into the full powers of the Internet to provide accurate, timely, easy to find and easy to understand information that improves the lives of Veterans, service members, their families and all who care for them,” said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki. The National Resource Directory is a comprehensive, free, online tool for wounded, ill and injured service members, Veterans and their families. Visitors to the site can find an extensive range of information about Veterans’ benefits, including disability and pension benefits, VA health care and educational opportunities. The site also provides information for those who care for Veterans, such as access to emotional, financial and community assistance. The Web site has been enhanced to provide a single point of access to a wealth of information from more than 10,000 sites by federal, state and local governments and organizations offering services for wounded warriors. “This online directory is an invaluable resource for those

involved in helping service members and Veterans,” Shinseki said. “Reliable information about government and private-sector programs can be a priceless tool.” A recent addition to the Web site is a specialized section where users can find help for homeless Veterans. These resources will help end Veteran homelessness over the next five years.

The new design will help visitors find needed resources easily. Other enhancements include a fast, accurate search engine; a “bookmark and share” capability that allows users to share valuable resources on Facebook, Twitter and other social media sites; and a news feature with updates on relevant information and events. Resources are added daily. Visit the site at [www.nationalresourcedirectory.gov](http://www.nationalresourcedirectory.gov).

## UPCOMING CONFERENCE



4<sup>th</sup> Annual State Women Veterans Conference  
May 6<sup>th</sup> 2010  
10:00 a.m. – 2:00p.m.  
Community Center  
2344 McKelvey Road  
Maryland Heights, MO

If you have information, would like to participate or would like to set up a display contact Karen Etzler (816)-387-2841 or email [Karen.Etzler@mvc.dps.mo.gov](mailto:Karen.Etzler@mvc.dps.mo.gov)

If you have news or events you would like to post, please submit the information to:  
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## Show-Me Heroes

Take the Pledge. Hire a Vet. Governor Nixon is launching the ‘Show-Me Heroes’ initiative to showcase Missouri businesses that are willing to hire Veterans returning from the world’s battlefields. As Missourians, we all acknowledge the great burdens and sacrifices our Armed Forces have made in order to preserve our national security. We also recognize how Veterans and members of our National Guard and Reserve possess the degree of training, education, motivation, and character that will prove vital to Missouri’s economic future.

That is why Governor Nixon is calling on employers to sign a pledge to consider hiring a Missouri Veteran if they’ve got a job opening. Sign up today and become a hero by hiring a hero! This website will list the names of every employer who has signed the pledge to hire a Missouri Veteran, and allow Veterans to see the employers in their region who have take the pledge. In addition, using Missouri Career Source, Veterans will be able to post their resume and employers will be able to connect with Veterans looking for a job.

Visit the site at: <https://showmeheroes.mo.gov/>

*“I want every employer in this state, every technical school, every community college, every university... every city and county, every state department with a job opening, to sign this pledge and show that Missouri Hires its Veterans!” – Gov. Jay Nixon*

## EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH Central Office/Veterans Services Program/Cemeteries Program.

Janice Frank, Personnel Analyst with the Missouri Veterans Commission – Central Office was selected as the March 2010 Missouri Veterans Commission Central Office/Veterans Services Program/Cemeteries Employee of the Month. Janice was selected because of the impact her work has had on MVC operations and the importance her work has played in the morale and success of MVC. Her knowledge, thoroughness, and willingness to help have played a major role in ensuring employees are paid, rated and promoted when they should be. She is a great asset and is truly appreciated.

Congratulations!



### **MARCH Birthdays**

Shawna Rogers      3/15  
Andrew Sharp      3/17

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