

## ORANGE COUNTY VETERANS EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE OVERVIEW

For the past 29 years, the prominent, well respected, all volunteer Orange County Veterans Employment Committee (OCVEC), has been dedicated to serving transitioning military members of all branches of service as well as disadvantaged veterans by providing assistance to remove barriers that may prevent them from obtaining employment. The OCVEC believes we can make a difference by giving the veteran a "hand-up" not a "hand-out" thus preventing possible long term unemployment and homelessness.

The OCVEC has nurtured strong personal ties with Veterans, corporations, government and non-profit organizations to make a difference in the lives of those who served for us by providing assistance for employment related On-Boarding Support such as Security Guard Card Certifications, Forklift Certifications, State Licensing Fees, Work Clothes, Work Tools, Work Shoes, Refurbished Laptops and gas cards or bus passes for Veterans to sustain the jobs they land until they receive their first paycheck. Notably, since 2010, the OCVEC was the first Veteran organization in Orange County to spearhead 7 exclusive Veteran Business Matchmaking Events co-sponsored with State Senator Lou Correa and Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez where Veterans had the opportunity to network with Veteran Owned Businesses, Businesses Who Hire Veterans, Disabled Veteran Business Owners (DVBO), and Veteran Job Seekers in a relaxed evening setting of camaraderie while creating meaningful, long term relationships with Veterans and the workforce community. Additionally, OCVEC has been the proud partner of the Honor a Hero, Hire a Vet Job and Resource Fair, Veteran Flag Raising Ceremony, Women Veteran Seminar, Heroes Hall Museum, US Army 311 Signal Command, Camp Pendleton 211 Marine Battalion, Veteran Homeless Backpack Drive for Vet Hunters, Cigars for Troops, Coco's Pies for Veterans, OC Veteran Cemetery MCAS-El Toro, Colonel Bill Barber American Legion Post 838, PTSD Awareness 25-hour Thunderhill Race Car event while boasting proud partnerships who promote Veteran special events, programs, services and resources.

Veterans continually benefit from the OCVEC to find suitable employment and apply their highly skilled training ability in the military and match make these impeccable talents to land jobs comparable to their unique background. OCVEC is proud to boast a myriad of prominent partnering resources, services, programs and referrals to those men and women who so valiantly served our country proudly, through their dedication, commitment, sacrifice and at times, their lives for our freedom. The OCVEC strives everyday to assist these Veterans so that they will not fall through the cracks of not receiving proper education and guidance while seeking gainful employment and seamlessly reintegrating back into the workforce and civilian life......please visit our website, <a href="https://www.ocvec.org">www.ocvec.org</a> for more information!