U.S. Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife Service



Outreach to Veterans "Keys to Success"

Veterans



As of April 30, 2010

DOI had 9,153

FWS had 1335



veterans in the total workforce.

Veteran Policies



"Our Country's veterans are a tremendous potential source of well-qualified candidates for positions with the Department of the Interior who possess the skills, experience, leadership, and dedication to help the Department further its purpose and mission"

(Secretary Salazar, Oct. 2009 Memorandum to consider Veterans in Hiring Strategies)

Veteran Policies



Executive Order 13518 - Employment of Veterans in the Federal Government, Nov. 2009

- established Council on Veterans Employment
- Government-wide Veteran's Recruitment and Employment Strategic Plan (FY 2010-12)
- all agencies required to have a Veterans Employment Program Office

Volunteer Programs for Veterans with Disabilities



- Department of Veterans Affairs Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment (VR&E) Program
 - -Coming Home to Work (CHTW)
 - -Non-Paid Work Experience (NPWE)
- Department of Defense
 - -Operation Warfighter (OWF)



Coming Home to Work (CHTW)



- Veteran's Affairs early intervention and outreach program for service members transitioning to civilian life.
- Emphasis is on
 Operation Iraqi Freedom &
 Operation Enduring Freedom
 service members and veterans.



Coming Home to Work (CHTW)



Provides non-paid work experience to eligible veterans who are:

- recently separated or pending medical separation
- receiving treatment at
 Community Based Health
 Care Organizations &
 Veterans Affairs
 Medical Treatment Facilities.



Non-Paid Work Experience (NPWE)



- Provides training and practical job experience.
- Internships are 90 days
- Receives a stipend.



CHTW and NPWE Process



- Placed for a volunteer assignment
- No FTE or salary
- Monthly subsistence from DoD or V.A
- Participants gain or strengthen particular skill sets
- No obligation to hire

Operation Warfighter



- DoD internship program
- Provide recuperating service members with meaningful activity outside the hospital environment
- Opportunity to build resumes, explore employment interests, develop job skills, and gain valuable work experience

Operation Warfighter

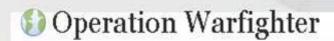


- Internship period (90 days to over a year)
- Flexible work days and hours
- Medical appointments have priority.
- Receive military salaries and therefore are not compensated by the agency



OWF Website





Overview (customize)

All Content (138)

Discussions (3)

Documents (135)

@ Blog

Set as default tab

ANNOUNCEMENT: Usage of Notes/Collaboration Features Show Details



Actions Start a discussion Create a document Create an announcement Create a poll Create Tag Group Fdit the Community Create a sub-community Create a Project Notifications Stop email notifications View feeds

Sub-communities

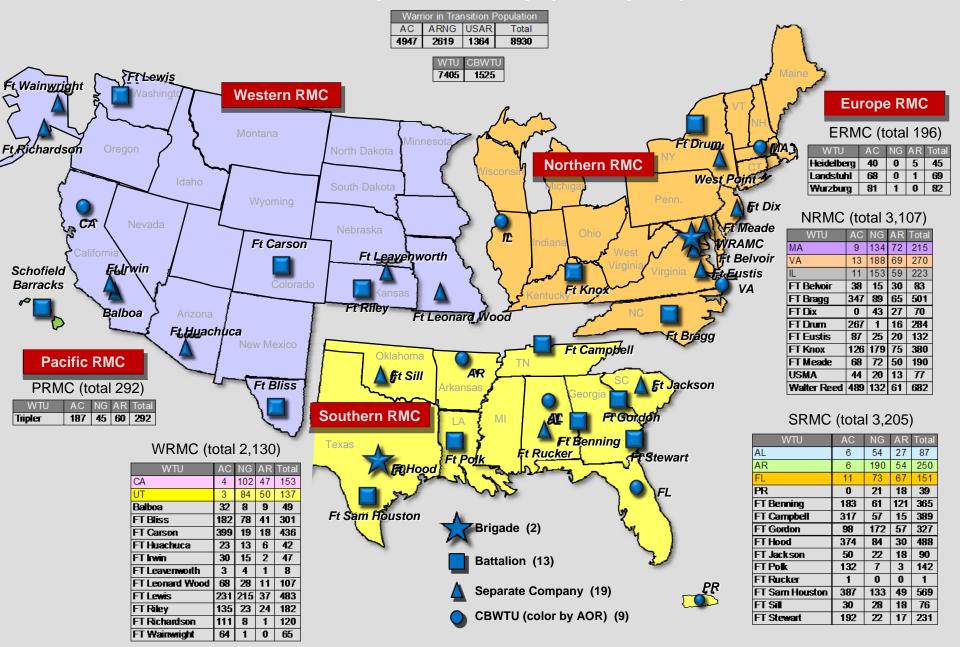
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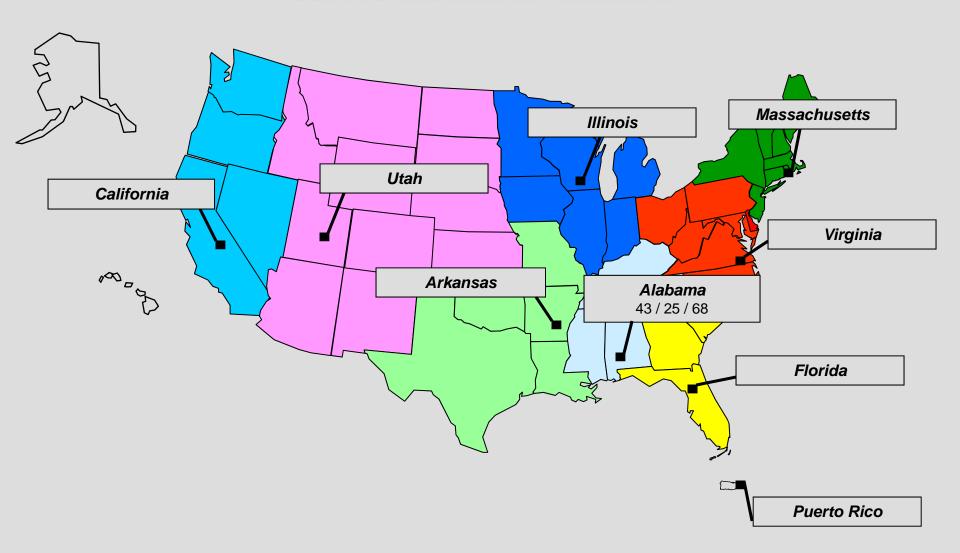
- Expanding Nationwide. Fall 2009 FWS participated in expansion at:
 - Ft. Bragg, NC
 - Ft. Carson, CO
 - Ft. Hood, TX
 - Ft. Stewart, GA

- Ft. Sam Houston, TX
- Ft. Lewis, WA
- Ft. Benning, AL

WTU Population Map (28 Sep 09)



CBWTU Warriors in Transition



Transition Assistance Program



Assist the transition into civilian life

- Job-search assistance and related services
- Transition Workshops
- Use website to identify closest TAP office <u>http://www.taonline.com/TapOffice/</u>

Questions?



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