

Federal Government Launches New and Improved National Resource Directory for Military and Veteran Communities

Comprehensive Web site provides quick and easy access to thousands of resources nationwide

Washington, DC – The U.S. Departments of Defense, Labor and Veterans Affairs, as part of their continued commitment to our Nation's Service Members, Veterans, and their families, launched a new and improved National Resource Directory (www.nationalresourcedirectory.gov).

This free online tool provides access to thousands of services, programs and resources at the national, state and community level. The Web site has a fresh look with many key features that include an improved search engine, Really Simple Syndication (RSS) news feeds, subscriptions to e-mail updates, and new subject areas such as "Homeless Assistance."

The National Resource Directory is designed to serve a broad base of users including Wounded Warriors, Service members Veterans, their families and caregivers. In addition, it provides a useful tool for supporting service providers, such as Recovery Care Coordinators, Federal Recovery Coordinators, health care providers and case managers at Veterans Service Organizations.

"(The National Resource Directory) is wonderful," says Cara Hammer, an Army Veteran who served in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. "I've been using it pretty regularly. It is very comprehensive and fool proof – I love it."

The new features allow the Military and Veteran community to identify and stay informed about the thousands of resources that are available to them as well as browse for information they may not have known about in the past. Additionally, a faster, more accurate search engine provides the tools to sort results by subject area, audience and government or non-government resources to ensure users

locate exactly what they want, without having to sort through thousands of links themselves.

For more than a year, the National Resource Directory has provided Wounded Warriors, transitioning Service Members and Veterans, and those who support them with quick and easy access to resources they need. Resources on the National Resource Directory are vetted and must meet the participation policy standards before being added. This ensures that all the posted resources are relevant and from reputable sources.

The new National Resource Directory is simple, easy-to-navigate and even more relevant to the needs of the Wounded Warrior, Veteran and caregiver communities. It also contains "In the News" and "Spotlight" features to highlight important news and updates. To tell friends and family about the new National Resource Directory, use the "Bookmark and Share" function to post updates on more than 200 social media networks such as Facebook or Twitter.

To learn more about the National Resource Directory's new features, and to explore the thousands of resources provided, visit the Web site at www.nationalresourcedirectory.gov.