

Holland Creates Career Opportunities for Veterans

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HOLLAND, Mich., July 16, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Holland, a regional LTL transportation provider, has partnered with the Department of Labor and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to create a professional truck driver apprenticeship program for veterans. The program offers veterans career training in the trucking industry as they integrate back into civilian life. In addition to paid training, eligible veterans can receive their Post-9/11 G.I. Bill funds while completing the apprenticeship.

"We are proud to bring this program to the men and women who served our country," said Steve Bramble, Corporate Recruiting Manager. "It's truly a privilege for us to offer veterans a career transition that allows them to continue serving the country in a new capacity."

Holland's Driver Training Program helps veterans develop the skills they need for a full-time career in the trucking industry. Veterans who have a commercial driver's license (CDL) but still need to meet mileage requirements or earn proper endorsements will work with industry professionals to complete these objectives while utilizing their current skills. Veterans who currently do not have a CDL will enter the Dock-to-Driver Program and grow into the industry through paid CDL training and professional mentorships.

Veterans who have the Post-9/11 G.I. Bill can receive up to \$24,000 of tax-free benefits in addition to their Holland pay. Funds will be submitted directly to the veteran by the VA. To enroll in the apprenticeship program, veterans only need to complete the necessary VA paperwork during the first day of orientation. Veterans must be Holland employees to join the apprenticeship and receive VA educational benefits.

In addition to the partnership with the Department of Labor and the VA, Holland has also received grant funds for \$40,000 to support the training program. The funds were approved at the end of 2017 when Holland received the Department of Labor Apprenticeship certification. The grant is from FASTPORT, a veteran employment software company with a mission to connect veterans to career opportunities. FASTPORT works with Holland to provide veterans with meaningful careers and to build a pipeline between the military community and the trucking industry.

Apply for the Holland Veterans program at careers. hollandregional.com/military or call 844-617-6410.

About Holland

Holland provides industry-leading Next-Day Delivery throughout the Midwest, Central and Southeastern United States, and parts of Canada. Founded in 1929 in Holland, Mich., Holland now operates 58 service centers, employs more than 8,500 shipping professionals and boasts a 99.75 percent on-time delivery rate. Award-winning service offerings from Holland also include Guaranteed and Expedited Delivery, Cross-Border Canada shipping, Retail service, Freeze Protection and more. With the most regional next-day shipping, a tradition of safety and a commitment to customer satisfaction, Holland Makes Next-Day Happen.

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