



# YEAR OF THE VETERAN



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## **Under Governor Walker's Leadership, Veterans in Search of Work are Connecting with Wisconsin Employers Ready to Hire**

*At Milwaukee job fair, hundreds of veterans meet employers with over 650 openings*

MILWAUKEE – As hundreds of veterans connected today with Milwaukee area employers ready to hire, members of Governor Scott Walker's Cabinet declared his Year of the Veteran events off to a good start.

"At the Milwaukee Veterans Career Fair today, veterans seeking employment found employers with good jobs available in health care, manufacturing, sales and other sectors," said Reggie Newson, Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD). "This is the first veterans career fair since Governor Walker issued his Year of the Veteran proclamation. We and our partners will hold many more this year, not only for veterans, but for all job seekers, as we work to get Wisconsin working.."

The more than 30 participating employers listed over 650 job openings. Wheaton Franciscan alone had over 350 positions available, including jobs in nursing, radiology, rehabilitation and other occupations. The career fair is one of 15 for veterans this year that Governor Walker specified as part of the Governor's Year of the Veteran events.

"The Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs is pleased to work with our counterparts at the federal VA and the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development in looking at ways to help veterans find jobs," said Secretary John A. Scocos. "This career fair begins the events Governor Walker announced as part of the 2012 Year of the Veteran Career and Benefit Fairs."

DWD and DVA joined the Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center in sponsoring the career fair at the center. DWD Executive Assistant Georgia Maxwell and DVA Executive Assistant Mike Trepanier were on hand to meet veterans and participating employers.

As part of his Wisconsin Working plan, Governor Walker directed DWD to double the number of career expos for all job seekers this year, which means DWD and its workforce partners will hold at least 100 career expos. Information on all job fairs can be found at: <http://www.wisconsinjobcenter.org/jobfairs/>