

WI-ACE 2012 Spring Drive-In Conference Agenda
Kalahari Resort, Wisconsin Dells

Serving Those Who Have Served Us

Monday, May 7 - Pre-Conference		Location
11 – 2 pm	Board Meeting	
2:30	“Behind-the-Scenes” Tour of The Kalahari and Conversations with The Kalahari HR & Event Planning Staff	
5:00	Creating Connections Networking (5 pm) & Dinner (6 pm)	Kahunaville Restaurant
8:00	Bowling & Networking Sponsored by: 	Kalahari Bowling Alley
Tuesday, May 8 - Conference		
8-9:00 am	Registration & Breakfast	Suite E
8:30-9:00	First Time Conference Attendee Orientation	Crown
9-9:15	President’s Welcome	Suite D
9:15-10:15	Veterans Panel – Kathy Pykkonen facilitator <i>Charles Block</i> – Student Veteran, University of Wisconsin Oshkosh <i>Amy O’Donnell</i> – Associate Lecturer for Career Development, College of Business and Innovation, The University of Toledo <i>Nilesh Patel</i> – Principal Attorney of the Mahadev Law Group <i>Frank Tierney</i> – Veteran Student Coordinator, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse <i>Rhett Zietlow</i> – Senior Recruiter, Talent Acquisition Corporate Human Resources, Oshkosh Corporation Captain, Wisconsin Army National Guard, Logistics Officer	Suite D
10:25-11:15	Concurrent Sessions <i>Tom Lyga & Rhett Zietlow</i> – <i>The Benefits of Hiring Veterans</i> <i>Amy O’Donnell</i> – <i>From Deployment to Employment: helping our military men and women recognize, promote and articulate their skills to the civilian workforce</i> <i>Nilesh Patel</i> – <i>Getting Ready for Veterans In the Workforce – Guidance for Career Counselors and Employers</i>	Crown Ironwood Acacia
11:15-12:15 pm	Lunch (sit with a committee that you are interested in learning more about or joining)	Suite E
12:15-12:50	Concurrent Sessions <i>Tom Lyga & Rhett Zietlow</i> – <i>The Benefits of Hiring Veterans</i> <i>Amy O’Donnell</i> – <i>From Deployment to Employment: helping our military men and women recognize, promote and articulate their skills to the civilian workforce</i> <i>Nilesh Patel</i> – <i>Getting Ready for Veterans In the Workforce – Guidance for Career Counselors and Employers</i>	Crown Ironwood Acacia

1-2:15	Mixed Groups	Red- Crown Blue- Ironwood Green-Acacia
2:15-2:30	Break	
2:30-3:20	Traditional Groups	Public- Crown Private- Ironwood Employers- Acacia
3:20	Closing Remarks (in Traditional Group rooms)	

Concurrent Session Descriptions

The Benefits of Hiring Veterans, Tom Lyga & Rhett Zietlow

Oshkosh Corporation Talent Acquisition employees Tom Lyga (Lieutenant Colonel, Air Force-retired) and Rhett Zietlow (Captain, Army National Guard) will discuss the benefits their company enjoys by hiring veterans, as well as skills & qualifications former military members bring to the workplace. They will also discuss deciphering and translating military resumes to help you better understand the varying degrees of responsibilities military members have while serving their country. Oshkosh Corporation was recently named one of the Top 100 Military Friendly Employers for 2012.

From Deployment to Employment: helping our military men and women recognize, promote and articulate their skills to the civilian workforce, Amy O'Donnell

This session offers guidance to career services staff and employers. Career staff can learn how to create confidence, harness skills, and brand the image of these talented men and women by creating an awareness of the career issues confronted by current or former members of the military. Employers will learn how to recognize the value of hiring current and former military, and fostering their development and reintegration into the workplace. Participants will leave with a collection of resources they can access from the local, state, and national levels.

Getting Ready for Veterans In the Workforce – Guidance for Career Counselors and Employers, Nilesh Patel

30,000 Wisconsin service members have served in Afghanistan and Iraq. In addition, Wisconsin has over 400,000 military veterans in the state. How will Career Service and Human Resource professionals prepare as these veterans return home to re-enter academic institutions and the workforce?

This presentation will cover how Career Counselors can advise veterans to prepare for new careers, how to plan for their job search, and how to present their military experience and abilities as a competitive advantage. Additionally, the presentation will cover veterans' employment rights, including reinstatement rights to their previous positions, preferences in hiring, heightened rights to disability or medial leave, protections from discrimination and harassment, and heightened job security that trumps employment at will.