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Sergeant Brady Graduates from Hiring Our Heroes Corporate Fellowship Program *KDOL First State Agency to Participate in the Program*

TOPEKA, Kan. – The Kansas Department of Labor (KDOL) would like to congratulate Sergeant (E-5) Peter Brady on his graduation from the Hiring Our Heroes Corporate Fellowship Program (CFP). Governor Jeff Colyer, M.D. spoke at the ceremony held at Ft. Leavenworth on July 26. Brady will begin his employment at KDOL on Aug. 13 as director of the Industrial Safety and Health (ISH) division.

“The Hiring Our Heroes Program is vital to ensure each and every person who honorably exits the military is afforded an opportunity to put their skills to work for a civilian employer,” said Governor Colyer. “It is a terrific example of what can be accomplished when the military and business work together. I want to congratulate Sergeant Brady on his graduation and wish him luck in his future work with KDOL.”

The Hiring Our Heroes Corporate Fellowship Program is an innovative program that provides transitioning service members with professional training and hands-on experience in the civilian workforce. Brady joined ISH as a Corporate Fellow for the 12-week program held three times a year at various military installations around the country. Fellowship candidates are carefully matched with participating companies based on the specific skills of the candidate and the preferences of both parties. Candidates then undergo exclusive on-the-job training at their host company, gaining firsthand experience in the private sector. This knowledge is amplified with weekly educational sessions in a classroom setting.

Participating corporations benefit by gaining access to the best and brightest transitioning service members, while also developing a more comprehensive understanding of the veteran job market.

KDOL is the first state agency who has participated and hired a Fellow from the Hiring Our Heroes CFP. “I am impressed with the Hiring Our Heroes Program. As an employer, it allows us to utilize the numerous ready skills with which these veterans are equipped and see if it is a fit for both us and the veteran. They can apply their past experiences to our mission and goals,” said Kansas Secretary of Labor, Lana Gordon. “We are excited to have participated in this program and are now happy to welcome our Fellow to our team full-time as he ends his military service. I encourage other state agencies and businesses to utilize this great opportunity to hire a hero to fill your workforce needs.”

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