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## **Troy Career Center Welcomes Resource for Pike Co. Veterans**

TROY – Veterans in Pike County now have a valuable free resource available through the Troy Career Center to help them find employment, receive training, and gain access to other valuable support services.

Disabled Veterans Outreach Program (DVOP) Coordinator Dan Perkins of the Dothan Career Center will now be available in Troy every Friday from 7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Perkins, who served 22 years in the Army, can assist veterans searching for work in a number of different ways and is familiar with the issues facing veterans in returning to the civilian workforce.

"After 22 years in the Army where I served as a drill sergeant, I went through vocational rehabilitation with Veterans Affairs and got to experience the process of transitioning to civilian life first-hand," said Perkins. "I'm just thankful I now have the opportunity to serve other veterans however I can."

Perkins said one of the first things he does with clients is an individual assessment to see what a client's marketable skills are and find a line of work to match those skills. He also helps clients update their résumés and register for JobLink, the state's free online jobs database, to see if there are any potential openings.

"Some clients may be able to receive assistance through such programs as the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) or on-the-job training," he said. "Whoever the client may be, we'll work with them as much as is needed to get them in a job."

Perkins added that he can also help qualifying veterans get support for programs such as food stamps and unemployment compensation, among others.

"I just want to help get these brave men and women get back on their feet," he said.

The Troy Career Center is located at 1023 South Brundidge Street and can be reached at (334) 566-3920.

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