

DEFINITIONS

Disabled Veteran's Outreach Program (DVOP) – DLR staff member who is a service member or veteran dedicated to serving those eligible for services as determined by this form.

SECTION A

- **Priority of Service** – See Definitions Section E
- **Service Dates** - Enter the date(s) you served on Title 10 active duty, in a campaign or expedition.
- **Character of Service** - List the character of service at discharge, as indicated on the DD214.
- **American Job Center (AJC) Visit** - Oftentimes the veteran will enter the AJC to seek assistance for programs other than employment. It is important to discuss with the veteran the specific assistance they might need and then refer them to the appropriate program, counselor, or a partnering agency.

SECTION B

- **Vietnam Era Veteran** – Any veteran whose active military service was during the Vietnam era, between 2/28/1961 and 5/7/1975 if service was in the Republic of Vietnam, OR between 8/5/1964 and 5/7/1975 for all other service.
- **Transitioning Service Member** – Military service member who is within 12 months of separating or 24 months of retirement from active duty service, has attended a **Transitioning Assistance Program (TAP)** and meets one of the following:
 - Is between the **age of 18 -24**
 - Service member was involuntarily separated from active service due to a **reduction in force (RIF)**
 - Service member has been determined by their command to not meet **career readiness standards (CRS)**, member has a copy of their DD 2648.
- **Wounded - Transitioning Service Member** – Member of the Armed Forces who is wounded, ill or injured and receiving treatment in a military treatment facility (MTF) or a warrior transition unit (WTU).
 - South Dakota does not have a **WTU** location
 - **MTFs** in South Dakota can be found at <https://tricare.mil/mtf>
- **Wounded – Caregiver of a Transitioning Service Member** – Family member (parent, spouse, child, step-family member or extended family member) of a Wounded – Transitioning Service Member or a non-family member who lives with AND provides personal care services to the Wounded – Transitioning Service Member.
 - A DVOP may serve a **caregiver** of a wounded, ill, injured service member receiving treatment at a MTF or WTU. In SD, this is going to be rare since we only have one MTF in the state.
- **Approved wounded, ill, and injured Service Member, not Veteran, definitions:**
 - **CATASTROPHIC INJURY/ILLNESS** – A permanent, severely disabling injury, disorder, or disease that compromises the ability to carry out the activities of daily living to such a degree that a Service Member or Veteran requires personal or mechanical assistance to leave home or bed, or requires constant supervision to avoid harm to self or others
 - **COMBAT RELATED DISABILITY** – A disability that has been determined by DoD as being attributable to an injury for which the member was awarded the Purple Heart; or was incurred (as determined under criteria prescribed by the Secretary of Defense): as a direct result of armed conflict, while engaged in hazardous service, in the performance of duty under conditions simulating war, or through an instrumentality of war.
 - **COMBAT RELATED WOUNDED WARRIOR**. A term referring to the entire population of WII SM/Vs who incurred a wound, illness, or injury for which the member was awarded the Purple Heart or whose wound, illness, or injury was incurred: As a direct result of armed conflict, or while engaged in hazardous service, or in the performance of duty under conditions simulating war, or through an instrumentality of war.

SECTION C

- **Veteran – 180 Days** - Served active duty for more than 180 days (active duty training does not count toward the 180 days for National Guard or

Reservists), and was discharged or released from such duty with a discharge other than “dishonorable.” This includes Title 10 orders.

- **Veteran – Disabled** - Discharged or released from active duty for a service-connected disability.
- **Veteran – Conflict or Campaign** - As a member of a reserve component unit served on active duty during a period of war or during a campaign or expedition for which a campaign badge is authorized, and was discharged or released from such duty with a discharge other than “dishonorable”.
- **Sole Survivor-Veteran** who was discharge or released by reason of a sole survivorship discharge.
- **Spouse of Deceased Disabled Veteran** - Spouse of a veteran who died of a service-connected disability.
- **Spouse of a Missing Service Member** - Spouse of any member of the Armed Forces serving on active duty who, at the time of application for services, is listed as one or more of the following categories and has been so listed for a total of more than 90 days: a) missing in action, b) captured in the line of duty by hostile forces, or c) forcibly detained or interned in the line of duty by a foreign government or power.
- **Spouse of a 100% Disabled Veteran** - Spouse of any veteran who has a total disability resulting from a service connected disability, as evaluated by the VA, or any veteran who died while such a disability was in existence.

SECTION D

- **Disabled Veteran** - A special disabled veteran or disabled veteran (as defined by U.S.C. 38 4211 (1) and (3)) who: a) is entitled to compensation (or who but for the receipt of retired military pay would be entitled to compensation) from the VA; b) was discharged or released from active duty because of a service connected disability; c) has a disability rating of 30% or higher provided by the VA or a military service issued disability determination; or d) any veteran who attests to having a disability claim pending with the VA.
- **Homeless Veteran** - A veteran who: a) lacks a fixed, regular, adequate nighttime residence; b) has a primary residence that is a publicly or privately operated shelter designed to provide temporary living accommodations or a public or private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings; or c) any individual or family who is fleeing or is attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other dangerous or life-threatening conditions in the individuals' or family's current housing situation; and who have no other residence and lack the resource or support networks to obtain other permanent housing.
- **Recently Separated Veteran** – Unemployed - A veteran within 36 months of their separation from active duty service in the military AND who at any point in the previous 12 months has been unemployed for 27 or more weeks.
- **Incarcerated Veteran** - A veteran who: a) is or has been subjected to any stage of the criminal justice process or requires assistance in overcoming artificial barriers to employment resulting from a record, arrest or conviction, or is currently or has been released from incarceration.
- **Veteran lacking a GED/High School Diploma** - A veteran without a high school diploma or equivalent certificate.
- **Low-income Veteran** - A veteran who meets the in WIOA Sec 3(36). WIOA defines a “low-income individual” as one whose total family income does not exceed the higher level of the poverty line or 70% of the Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL). For more information, consult your state's WIOA administrative entity.

SECTION E

- **Priority of Service** - veterans and eligible spouses are given priority over non-covered persons for the receipt of employment, training, and placement services provided under DLR workforce programs. Priority means that veterans and eligible spouses are entitled to precedence over non-covered persons for services. This means that a veteran or eligible spouse either receives access to a service earlier in time to a non-covered person or, if the resource is limited, the veteran or eligible spouse receives access to the service instead of or before the noncovered person.