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Hiring U.S. Vets is a Priority at SRNS

AIKEN, S.C., November 12, 2019 – Since obtaining the management and operations contract at DOE’s Savannah River Site (SRS), Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS) has dedicated a wide range of corporate resources to actively pursue U.S. military veterans as new hires.

“We believe it’s important for at least 6 percent of all our new employees to be veterans,” said Carol Barry, SRNS Senior Vice President, Workforce Services. “And, for six consecutive years, we have exceeded that goal averaging 9.2 percent. Last year alone, we hired 81 veterans.

“The success of this effort is directly attributable to the importance our company places on having a diverse employee population and all the advantages it offers. We’ve found that military veterans frequently bring with them an unusually high level of maturity, work ethic and a sense of responsibility that we greatly value,” she added.

Barry explained that the resources invested towards reaching veterans include a strong emphasis on participating at job fairs and inviting veterans on site to experience job shadowing opportunities. To specifically pursue local veterans, SRNS recruiters have supported job fairs held at Fort Gordon in Augusta, Ga.



Savannah River Nuclear Solutions Senior Security Specialist and U.S. Army veteran Christopher Frazier (left) works with Edwin Robatue (center) and Matthew Britt, also Army veterans, to walkdown a proposed design for a security system to be installed at a Savannah River Site facility.

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“We are fortunate to have a number of employees within our Workforce Services organization who are veterans,” said Barry. “Soldiers attending these job fairs know they are talking with SRNS employees who can fully relate to the challenges and issues associated with returning to the civilian workforce.”

Barry noted that the SRNS Environmental, Safety, Health & Quality job shadowing program gives the participants and hiring managers the opportunity to exchange information, visit a variety of job sites and gain the knowledge necessary to make an informed decision for both the veteran and SRNS.

“We continually hear positive comments from veterans stating how much they appreciate our willingness to work with them, not only through the recruiting process, but we also help them develop effective resumes and job interview skills. We find that type of feedback rewarding. It reinforces that we’re on the right track,” said Barry.

U.S. Army veteran Christopher Frazier recently joined SRNS as a Senior Security Specialist and is transitioning to life at SRS. “As one of the first soldiers to participate in the SRNS/Fort Gordon job shadowing program, I quickly realized that I wanted to join this team so I could continue serving my country in this great atmosphere that has been created here on site,” said Frazier. “I find the work to be challenging, but rewarding, and think that it would be a great fit for most veterans. I look forward to arriving at work each day, due to this opportunity to continue to serve our nation, outside of the uniform, by helping maintain a strong nuclear deterrent.”

An important part of the SRNS employment strategy includes establishing a strong, long-term relationship with area colleges and universities. “We are seeing our investment in these schools payoff,” said Barry. “We’ve formed memorandums of agreement and worked closely with their officials to ensure they understand our employment requirements. And, as a result, we have synergistically worked together to create curriculum to meet these needs.”

This has resulted in a situation where local colleges and universities are attracting students, including veterans, who are aware that their odds of being hired upon graduation into a stable, well-paying job are greatly increased due to this unique arrangement.

“It’s not only a corporate responsibility to actively recruit and assist our veterans, it’s a civic responsibility as well. I can’t speak for other companies in the area, but for SRNS, we believe it’s the right thing to do,” stated Barry.

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