

# Hire A Vet



Veterans listen intently as Veterans Service Office Director, Don Bates (center), provides information about available services and resources. Natalie Salisbury-Triplett, VISIC (left), coordinated and facilitated the 2008 activities.

[just] a job” said another. Afterward, it was a good time to break for lunch and allow the vets to do some networking. The staff at The Employment netWork pitched in to provide a buffet lunch for the veterans. Right after lunch LCDJFS Employment Services Counselor, David James, engaged the group in a dialogue about job interviewing. The discussion was opened up for questions from the group regarding the topic, and David addressed each. Everyone appreciated this approach and responded with comments such as “Q&A was excellent” and really enjoyed the “interactive” style of the workshop. The day was rounded off with an overview of community resources and services. Representatives from the VA hospital explained registration for assistance and availability of social services. Terry Stone highlighted free training through the local Amvets Career Center, and Don Bates, on site Veterans Service Office Director explained financial support services and assistance in processing VA claims.

The event was very successful and the veterans were very appreciative for the opportunities available to them. **TC**

**The** classroom was filled to capacity on November 24, 2008 as The Employment netWork celebrated the national Hire a Vet month by inviting local veterans to the Lorain County One-Stop for a day of planned workshops and activities. The agenda for the day included the following:

- 9-11 Orientation and Career Exploration
- 11-12 Resume Writing Highlights
- 12-1 Buffet Lunch / Coffee Corner
- 1-2 Interviewing Successfully
- 2-3 Veterans benefits and supportive services
- 3-4 Where do I go from here?

With 32 veterans anticipating learning important job search skills and tapping into available assistance and resources, Cathy Wren, WFI Customer Service Representative, started the day with an orientation to One-Stop services followed by an explanation of what Career Exploration means. She included an online demonstration of how to use the Ohio Career Information System (OCIS) as part of their career research process. Next, was resume writing skills training headed by Denise McGuire, WFI Employment Specialist. The workshop included the important “do’s” and “don’ts” of writing a resume. It provided “new



While preparing for the Hire A Vet activities, the girls take a well deserved break to pause for a photo op. The decorations and food were fantastic! (L/R Toni Furci, Terra Bichimer and Jenny Key)  
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