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Mission-first and leadership: The benefits of hiring a veteran

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"Honor to the soldier and sailor everywhere, who bravely bears his country's cause. Honor, also, to the citizen who cares for his brother in the field and serves, as he best can, the same cause."

- Abraham Lincoln

Appreciation Month, it is a great time to remind business owners in Dutchess County about the benefits of hiring a veteran.

As more service members return to the Hudson Valley after serving in the military, businesses that are hiring should look to this highly qualified pool of potential employees who maintain a mission-first attitude.

Each branch on the military instills a mindset of mission accomplishment in each of their members. Mission accomplishment is achieved through teamwork, self-development, and perhaps most importantly, leadership.

For example, in the Army, every Soldier is taught the acronym L-D-R-S-H-I-P, which represents the Army's seven core values: Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless service,

Honor, Integrity, and Personal courage. Soldiers are taught to live by these values from the very beginning during basic training.

Service members also have skills that translate well into the civilian workplace. Visit the following website to learn more: www. careeronestop.org/businesscenter.

Businesses looking to hire

veterans simply need to do a web search for the term: hire veterans. Numerous websites link businesses looking to hire to veterans.

In addition, the government offers financial incentives to hiring a veteran. For more information, go to the following website: www.benefits. va.gov/VOW/for-employers.asp.

So, if a position opens up in your

business, think of veterans. You will find someone who will make your business mission their priority.

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