

Informational Meeting “Helmets to Hard Hats” Program

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Lisa Ford
Lance Corporal

INDUSTRY STANDARDS

**Registered
Apprenticeship
Program**

**CERTIFIED
CLASSROOM
INSTRUCTION**

**PAID SUPERVISED
TRAINING**





Aaron Unpingco
Specialist

Veterans Policy Analyst Position

- Case management
- Career counseling
- Outreach
- Technical assistance
- Advocacy



Position Impact



Quentin Maya



Eduardo Ramirez



Brent Hetherington

“If I had to describe my experience working with Aaron using two words I would say, ‘Life changing.’ Seeing in black and white what I am eligible for in terms of my current benefits as a veteran really increases my confidence in making this career/life changing decision. At the end of the day I am just happy to know I am not alone in this transition.”

**– Eduardo Ramirez
Former Marine Veteran**



Present / Future Challenges for Veterans

- Completion of program (RETENTION)
- Education about apprenticeship and our programs
- Application process
- Ensuring awareness of benefits



Community Partners

- Oregon National Guard – Service Member & Family Support Program
- Oregon Department of Military Affairs (ODVA)
- Bonneville Power Administration Apprenticeship Program
- Express Employment Professionals
- Easterseals Oregon
- BOLI/ODOT Heavy Highway Workforce Development
- PDX Veterans in Technology
- Worksource Oregon
- Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR)
- Oregon Housing and Community Services



Questions and Contact

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