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SRNS Expands Commitment to Veterans Through New Agreement

AIKEN, S.C. (December 15, 2025) – Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS) is reinforcing its commitment to military veterans by signing a memorandum of understanding with the U.S. Department of War and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation's Hiring Our Heroes (HOH) program. This strategic partnership offers transitioning active-duty service members employment opportunities at the Savannah River Site (SRS).

"We deeply value the incredible service and sacrifice of military veterans and their families, and we remain dedicated to supporting them through meaningful employment, career development opportunities, and a flexible workplace," said Anna Gordon, SRNS Senior Human Resources Specialist. "This exciting collaboration enables soon-to-be-retired veterans to receive onsite, hands-on training, helping to bridge the gap between military service and civilian careers. It's a powerful testament to the support that our nation's heroes deserve in their next chapter."



Justen Brooks, Sean Keels, and Kyle Billings

Launched by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce in 2011, HOH creates employment opportunities for transitioning service members, veterans, and military spouses. The HOH SkillBridge fellowships offer retiring service members the chance to connect with potential employers nationwide during their final months of active duty, at no cost to participating companies. Since 2023, the program has been instrumental in providing skilled labor to support critical missions at SRS for the National Nuclear Security Administration and the Department of Energy.

SRNS proudly employs nearly 700 veterans, making up approximately 12% of its total workforce. SRNS typically hires five fellows each year through various channels aimed at identifying and integrating valuable talent before they transition out of service.

"Every successful transition strengthens not only the veteran community but also the organizations that gain their expertise. We are proud to support SRNS in this mission," said Crystal Cochran, HOH, U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation, Executive Director, Programs.

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Heroes in New Roles: Veterans Bringing Unique Skills to SRS

Sean Keels, Network Operations Engineer for the Savannah River Plutonium Processing Facility (SRPPF) and U.S. Army veteran with 20 years of service in Computer Network Systems Engineering, oversees the design and implementation of a computer network at SRS.

“The Army is tasked with deploying, fighting, and winning our Nation's wars, but it encompasses much more than just infantry and other combat arms,” explained Keels. “Service members receive training in a wide variety of fields to support and sustain operations, skills which easily translate to the civilian sector. Veterans bring exceptional leadership, a strong work ethic, adaptability and a team mentality. This program connects SRNS with veterans interested in supporting our Nation's defense while being part of a growing, successful company.”

Justen Brooks, SRNS Standards Laboratory Metrologist and U.S. Marine Corps veteran with over 10 years of service in Aviation Calibration, performs tests and calibrations in all metrology areas related to the electrical discipline, ensuring precise measurements and accurate equipment function.

“The HOH initiative connects veterans with meaningful employment opportunities, benefiting both the veterans and SRNS by integrating disciplined and skilled individuals,” said Brooks. “The technical expertise I gained in the Marine Corps is directly applicable to my current responsibilities, allowing me to perform my job effectively.” He joked, “Let's be real, transitioning from monthly uniform inspections and weekly three-mile runs is a night and day difference from what is expected of me now— but I'm not complaining.”

Kyle Billings, Senior Master Sergeant who served 20 years in the U.S. Air Force's Security Forces Career Field, amassed extensive experience in law enforcement, security, base defense, and logistics readiness. Recently, Billings transitioned to SRNS' Safeguards, Security, and Emergency Services department after completing his final military assignment.

“After committing 20 years to the military, it's stressful thinking about what comes next,” explained Billings. “I wanted a meaningful career with opportunities for development and progression, but I was also concerned about relocating my wife and four sons to a new area. The employment opportunity through the HOH program provided the time we needed to settle in, start fresh, and smoothly transition into my new role.”

When asked about the HOH program benefits, Billings said, “HOH provided a myriad of resources, including resume writing, preparation classes for job interviews, networking opportunities, and peace of mind throughout the process. The program continues to be fruitful in helping companies find candidates with relevant skills, security clearances, and applicable knowledge, becoming key assets from day one.”

Furthering this commitment, SRNS established the Disabled Veteran Enhancement Opportunities program in October 2024 to increase employment prospects for self-identified disabled veterans. This strategy prioritizes interview-worthy candidates, boosting their chances of securing positions at SRS. Since its inception, nearly 725 disabled veteran applicants have been reviewed under the new process.

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“We are committed to leveraging the extraordinary experience and skill of our country’s veterans, constantly searching for additional employment pathways for veterans to meaningfully contribute to SRNS missions,” said Bryan Ortner, SRNS Senior Vice President of Workforce Services and Talent Management. “Through effective partnerships like Hiring our Heroes, we are fortunate enough to both strengthen our organization and honor those who have served our country.”

For more information, contact Anna Gordon at anna.gordon@srs.gov. To explore open employment opportunities, [click here](#) to visit *BrassRing*, SRNS' recruitment platform.

Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, a Fluor and HII partnership company, is responsible for the management and operations of the Department of Energy's Savannah River Site, located near Aiken, South Carolina.

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