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## **Capital Area Workforce Development Board Establishes North Carolina's First Specialized NCWorks Career Center to Help Transitioning Veterans**

Raleigh, NC, December 5, 2016 – [Capital Area Workforce Development Board](#) (CAWD) established North Carolina's first Specialized NCWorks Career Center to help veterans transition into the civilian workforce. The center is located in the North Carolina National Guard Joint Force Headquarters at 1636 Gold Star Drive in Raleigh. It was certified by the NCWorks Commission in November.



“Once out of the military, many veterans head for more populated areas where the jobs are, like the Triangle. Employers love hiring veterans, but sometimes they need additional skills to compete. A certified center provides access to more resources to make that happen, so we were persistent in getting a certified center specifically for veterans in our area,” said Pat Sturdivant, Executive Director of Capital Area Workforce Development Board.

“This certification comes after two years of combined efforts between the EEC (Education and Employment Center) and NCWorks teams to help employ our military services members and their families. It will be extremely beneficial,” said Major Sara Day, Director at the new center.

NCWorks Career Centers are located throughout the state and are overseen by local workforce boards. An alliance between the National Guard, CAWD, and the NC Division of Workforce Solutions was necessary to certify the National Guard EEC as the first Specialized NCWorks Career Center. Training scholarships, on-the-job training opportunities, and other employment-related services are now available in a convenient location frequented by military personnel.

### About Capital Area Workforce Development Board

CAWD is a public-private partnership and 501(c)3 funded by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) of 2014. Through collaborations with business, government, education and others, the organization has developed state and nationally-recognized workforce programs, connected businesses to the education system and workforce resources, and helped thousands to gain employment.

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