

**Private Industry Council of Westmoreland/Fayette, Inc.
Awarded \$193,000. to Support Fayette County Veterans**

The Private Industry Council of Westmoreland/Fayette, Inc. (PIC) will assist 36 Fayette County Veterans in overcoming barriers to employment by supplementing existing programs, assisting veterans in transitioning to civilian employment and giving them the opportunity to earn well above the local median income for Fayette County.

Governor Wolf said in a recent announcement, "Every one of Pennsylvania's veterans made significant sacrifices in the service to our nation and because of that, we owe them every opportunity we can provide to ease their transition to a civilian career. This funding will enable community organizations to assist our veterans in finding meaningful and family-sustaining jobs."

This funding is provided by the PA Department of Labor and Industry using Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Industry Partnership and Reemployment funds.

Fayette County is home to approximately 2,400 military veterans and the median income among veterans is \$33,162. "This program will give 36 veteran the opportunity to earn well above that in one of three occupational fields – CDL, Welding or Building Auditing through training that will take place in Fayette County" said Shujuane Martin, CEO/President for PIC.

Sean Sypolt, Vice President of Business Services at PIC stated "PIC also wants to recognize the effort put forth by the Fayette County Commissioners and the Fayette County Veterans Bureau for their commitment to help attain the funds to support veterans in Fayette County."

For more information on this program contact Erika Doyle, Workforce Manager at 724-434-5627 or check out the website at www.privateindustrycouncil.com.

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