

JANUARY 2018 E-NEWSLETTER

**KERN COUNTY CAREER EXPO
COMING FEBRUARY 2018**



**KERN COUNTY
CAREER EXPO 2018**

REGISTER AT: www.kernhighnow.org/careerexpo

 #KernCareerExpo2018	Building Career Awareness for Tomorrow's WORKFORCE	THURS. 2/22/2018 4:30-7:30 PM Rabobank Arena & Convention Center 1001 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield CA 93301
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Kern County's First Annual Career Expo!
Hosted by Kern Community College District
Thurs. February 22, 2018
Rabobank Arena and Convention Center

FREE event for your middle school, high school, and any young adult students to explore potential careers!

[Click here for more information](#)

**PG&E IS AWARDING SCHOLARSHIPS FOR
STUDENTS PURSUING A DEGREE IN STEM**



PG&E is focused on California's future. To help our next generation of Californians succeed and innovate, PG&E is awarding a wide variety of college scholarships-including the [PG&E Better Together STEM Scholarships](#)

- (20) scholarships of \$10,000 each and (20) scholarships of \$1,000 each are available to students in PG&E service areas who are pursuing a degree in an eligible STEM discipline at a four-year California college or university.
- Students planning to enroll in full-time undergraduate study for the 2018-2019 academic year should apply by February 5, 2018 at pge.com/scholarships
- Many other scholarship opportunities can also be found online

AFTER 17 YEARS OF SERVICE, CHAIRMAN LES CLARK BIDS FAREWELL TO WDB



Les Clark receives Certificate of Appreciation from Teresa Hitchcock, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer for the County of Kern

On December 14, 2017 Les Clark attended his final meeting as member and chairperson of the Workforce Development Board (WDB), where he was recognized with a certificate for his 17 years of service. Mr. Clark, who was also the Executive Vice President for the Independent Oil Producers' Agency, was appointed to the Board on January 4, 2000 as a representative for the business sector; and served as Board Chairperson on multiple terms. He was succeeded as Chairperson by Alissa Reed, Human Resources Manager at Kern Oil & Refining Co.

UPCOMING RECRUITMENTS



Wing • Stop

Wed. January 17, 2018
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
AJCC Bakersfield - 1600 E. Belle Terrace
Openings: Assistant Managers



Boys & Girls Clubs of Kern County

Mon. January 29, 2018
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
AJCC Bakersfield - 1600 E. Belle Terrace
Openings: Activity Leaders



LAPD Entry Exam

Wed. January 31, 2018
2:30 PM
AJCC Bakersfield - 1600 E. Belle Terrace
Openings: Police Officers (Level I)



Performance Food Group

Tue. February 13, 2018
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Back-to-Work Center - 1405 Commercial Way, Suite 120, Bakersfield
Openings: Class "A" Delivery Drivers

VETERAN SERVICE PROGRAM HELPS FORMER MARINE PROVIDE FOR HIS FAMILY



From left: Disabled Veterans Outreach Program Specialist Reynaldo Loquiao Jr., Henry Benavidez, and Business Services Specialist Samuel Townsend

Henry Benavidez found himself at a professional crossroads when a death in his family prematurely ended his Marine Corps career. After the service granted him a hardship separation, he moved with his wife back home to Bakersfield, California, where he bounced from job to job.

After a couple of years, Henry's friends told him about America's Job Center of California in Bakersfield. Counselors with the center's Veterans Service Program helped him improve his resume and pointed him to a career fair. Within weeks, Henry was beating the pavement in nearby Arvin, going door to door selling cable, phone, and internet connection contracts to local homeowners as a direct sales representative for Spectrum.

Henry lost 10 pounds by hitting about 50 houses a day in a traditionally warm summer in California's Central Valley. And he's helping provide for his family once again. Aspiring to move into management someday, he is considering the company's offer to pay for continuing education that can be applied to the job.

Henry is grateful for the skills and mindset the Marine Corps instilled in him, but acknowledged that he had to "mold himself back into a civilian mindset" following his discharge. While he has adjusted to the civilian work environment, he hasn't lost the values and abilities he learned as a marine.

"A lot of employers want veterans because they know they'll do what they have to do to get the job done," Henry said. He encourages others separating from the military to take advantage of the resources [American Job Centers](#) offer.

"The Veterans Service Program helped me restructure my resume, which allowed me to secure my job," he said. "I believe that without the help of the Veterans Team, I would not have obtained this job. It's full steam ahead now."

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