

# LOCKLEED NEWS



## LockLeed Intl Receives US Dept of Labor 2023 HireVets Platinum Award

– U.S. Acting Secretary of Labor Julie A. Su recognized LockLeed International as one of the 859 recipients of the 2023 HIRE Vets Medallion Award during a virtual award ceremony presented by the U.S. Department of Labor. The Honoring Investments in Recruiting and Employing American Military Veterans Act (HIRE Vets Act) Medallion Program is the only federal award program that recognizes employers who successfully recruit, hire, and retain veterans.

LockLeed International (Blaine, MN) is a full-scale placement agency that works exclusively in the veteran community helping companies find military-grade talent. LockLeed earned the HIREVets Platinum award, and seven other Minnesota companies earned a Gold award because they have shown a commitment to hiring veterans, and ensuring they have a long-term career and growth plan that uses the diverse skills they acquired through their military service.

According to LockLeed’s founder, Marine Corps veteran John Henka, “There isn’t a better feeling in the entire World than waking up every day and getting to work with our Brothers and Sisters in the Veteran/Military community. I’m humbled to continue to serve.”

Recipients of the 2023 HIRE Vets Medallion Award meet rigorous employment and veteran integration assistance criteria, including veteran hiring and retention percentages; availability of veteran-specific resources; leadership programming for veterans; dedicated human resource efforts; pay compensation and tuition assistance programs for veterans. More than 1,600 employers have earned a HIRE Vets Medallion Award since 2018.

About the HIRE Vets Medallion Program: The HIRE Vets Medallion Award is earned by businesses that demonstrate unparalleled commitment to attracting, hiring and retaining veterans. The 2023 HIRE Vets Medallion Award application period will open to employers on Jan. 31, 2024. For more information about the program and the application process, visit [HIREVets.gov](http://HIREVets.gov). There are different awards for large employers (500-plus employees), medium employers (51-499 employees), and small employers (50 or fewer employees). Additionally, there are two award tiers: platinum and gold.

