

## *What Montanans are Saying About the VETs Jobs Act of 2013:*

**"Reserve Component members, their spouses and veterans are huge assets to Montana employers because they bring such great training and education to the workforce. Our whole economy benefits when we make it easier for Montana business to hire our veterans."**

-Mike Flaherty, State Chair of the Montana Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve

**"The American Legion appreciates Senator Baucus and Testers efforts in ensuring veterans are given the opportunity to find viable employment through the VETS Act. This legislation addresses issues that will help employers hire top quality highly trained veterans. The transition from DOD to civilian employment becomes much easier by creating a more seamless licensing process from DOD licenses to equivalent civilian licensure."**

-Merv Gunderson, Past National Vice Commander of the American Legion

**"The contracting goal has helped my business hire about 15 new workers, and one-third of my 53 workers are veterans. This bill will help businesses like mine grow and create even more jobs by putting some teeth behind the contracting goal and shedding light on whether contractors are living up to their commitments. It's good for veterans, good for business and the right thing to do, period."**

-Dick Sonju, a disabled veteran from Kalispell

*Sonju owns Sonju Industrial Defense, a family-owned business in the Flathead Valley that contracts with the department of defense to produce aerospace parts and manufactures guns. Baucus spent one of his [work days](#) building guns at Sonju Industrial in 2010.*