

## **Baker Roofing Company Introduces Apprenticeship Program to Employ Military Veterans**

*NCDOL Registered Program Helps Veterans Achieve National Journeyworker Credentials*

**RALEIGH, N.C. (February 27, 2011)** – Baker Roofing Company, a full service building envelope contractor, announced today that it is offering an apprenticeship program to provide qualified military veterans with on-the-job training and experience in the roofing industry. Baker has registered the program with both the North Carolina Department of Labor and the U.S. Department of Labor. The program is available at Baker locations across the Southeast.

“United States military veteran unemployment rates are staggering. We have men and women who are returning from service overseas that simply cannot find employment despite their qualifications and experience,” said Brendan Hale, the director of career development for Baker Roofing Company. “This program is an excellent way for individuals to receive on-the-job training and transition to a viable career path. The Baker team is grateful for the opportunity to support the deserving veterans who have served our country.”

Baker Roofing’s program consists of three years of on-the-job training as well as 432 hours of related classroom instruction. Apprentices have the opportunity to serve as wage-earning employees while learning and developing the high-level skills and technical knowledge required in the roofing industry. Upon completion of the program, apprentices receive nationally-recognized journeyworker credentials and will be prepared to advance into project management positions. Qualifying veterans may be eligible for G.I. Bill benefits and compensation, as well as the military’s Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH).

“It is a privilege to have the opportunity to work alongside the skilled tradesmen at Baker, and I have enjoyed and appreciate the education I have received so far,” said Cole Jones, former Army Specialist and a current Baker apprentice. “I look forward to earning my credentials and having the skills necessary to succeed in this field.”

“At Baker, our dedication to ‘Always Good Work’ is made possible through the efforts of our dedicated team of professionals, so we are very excited about the potential that this program offers,” added Hale.

More information on Baker’s Apprenticeship Program can be found at [www.bakerroofing.com/apprenticeship](http://www.bakerroofing.com/apprenticeship).

### **About Baker Roofing Company**

Baker Roofing Company, established in 1915, is a full service building envelope contractor recognized as one of the leading specialty contractors in the nation. It provides expert roofing, renewable energy, restoration and exterior services for both

commercial and residential customers. For more information, please visit [www.bakersince1915.com](http://www.bakersince1915.com).

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