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### Support For Veterans

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ALTOONA, BLAIR COUNTY - Efforts to welcome Veterans back to the classroom were a big part of an afternoon gathering in Blair County on Thursday.

As part of the annual faculty in-service award ceremony at the YTI Career Institute, a speaker addressed the need to provide support programs for returning military vets. Dennis Butts is a Vietnam Veteran and triple purple heart recipient. He's involved in a number of efforts to help former members of the military.

His message to the school employees was that veterans returning to the classroom bring with them special needs and abilities.

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Butts told his audience that while military service can change an individual, it also provides them with additional skills and experiences that are useful after they leave the armed forces.

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