



The Faces of ADVOCAP Walter

When Walter was laid off after 25 years in the marine industry, he was stunned. As a long-time marine technician, the boating industry was all he knew. He tried unsuccessfully to find a job for almost two years and was losing hope.

After learning about ADVOCAP, Walter enrolled in the Dislocated Worker program in September 2012. He attended 10 weeks of classes through the Fox Valley Technical College Semi Truck Driving Program to learn a new career.

Soon he earned a Semi Truck Driving Diploma and a Class A Commercial Driver's License. "With a grade point average above 3.5, I was named to the Fox Valley Technical College Dean's List at the young age of 62," said Walter. "Three months into my new career, I got a job transporting milk around the country. Tara from ADVOCAP called to tell me she had a potential job for me and I told her I was already employed!"

Walter enjoys the challenges of being a semi truck driver and is very satisfied with his career change; something he never thought he would do at age 62.

He commented, "I'm so appreciative of the assistance I received from ADVOCAP. The staff helped me to move into the next phase of my career and to bring me hope. What great people and what a great organization!"

