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DES Honors Arizona Veterans with Statewide Job Fair

PHOENIX – The Department of Economic Security (DES) will partner with several state, county and local agencies and community groups to hold the state's first ever statewide "Hire our Heroes" job fair in honor of Veterans Day. DES' Division of Employment and Rehabilitation Services (DERS) will offer its services to Arizona veterans at the job fair, which will be held simultaneously at 11 different locations around the state on Wednesday, November 7, 2012. Governor Jan Brewer has officially declared this day "Hire our Heroes Day."

"DES is proud to support this incredible event to support and champion for our Arizona's heroes," said Director Clarence Carter. "Our veterans have made huge personal sacrifices to keep our country safe. When they return home, they deserve all the help and support DES and our community can give them to rejoin the workforce."

The Hire Our Heroes job fair will be held at the follow locations:

Central Arizona College Corp Center 540 N. Camino Mercado, Suite 1, Casa Grande 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Coconino Community College 3000 N. Fourth St., Flagstaff 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Sun Valley Community College 456 E. Ray Rd., Gilbert 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Mohave Community College 1971 Jagerson Ave., Kingman 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Peter Piper Pizza Grand Court Plaza, 450 North Grand Court Plaza, Nogales 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Arizona Western College-Parker Learning Center, 1109 Geronimo Ave., Parker 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Maryvale Community Center 4420 N. 51st Ave., Phoenix 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Embry Riddle Aeronautical University Bldg 16 Lower Hangar, 3700 Willow Creek Rd., Prescott 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

VFW Post 9972 549 Veterans Dr., Sierra Vista 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Disabled American Veterans Chapter 2 3455 S. Wilmot Rd., Tucson 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

American Legion Post 56 1490 W. Third St., Yuma 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

DES' Veterans Program, which is operated within DERS' Employment Assistance Administration, offers support and training for unemployed and/or disabled veterans.

Through the Veterans Program, Arizona vets may qualify for assistance with Unemployment Insurance claims, job referral services and training as well as other employment-related services including tutoring, study skills training and instruction leading to completion of secondary school, alternative school services, mentoring, paid and unpaid work experience, occupational skills training, leadership development, supportive services, guidance counseling and follow-up services. Veterans Program staff members are available at most DES Employment Service Offices and One-Stop Centers throughout the state.

More information on the DES Veterans Program is available on the <u>DES website</u>.

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