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Veterans' Career Fair in Danbury Set for June 1 at Ethan Allen Hotel

WETHERSFIELD, May 13, 2015 – Resuming a regular routine, finding a new job, or picking up an interrupted career can be difficult, especially after returning from military service. The Danbury Veterans' Career Fair, to be held June 1 at the Ethan Allen Hotel, can assist veterans as they transition back into the workforce.

The Career Fair will run from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Ethan Allen Hotel, 21 Lake Extension and is co-sponsored by the Connecticut Department of Labor – a partner of the *American Job Center Network* – Town Square Media, the City of Danbury and the Greater Danbury Chamber of Commerce.

“We owe those men and women who served this country a debt of gratitude, and this is one way we can extend a hand to help them return to their former lives,” State Labor Commissioner Sharon M. Palmer explains. “Attendees will not only be able to meet with potential employers, but can also find out about veterans’ benefits and learn more about the range of related services offered by the Labor Department, its partners, and other organizations.”

Employers will be able to meet one-on-one with a qualified pool of potential employees that bring knowledge, experience and transferrable skills to the workplace.

Participants planning to attend the Danbury Veterans' Career Fair should also take note of two special highlights:

- **Certified Professional Résumé Writers** from the Connecticut Department of Labor will be available throughout the day to review and critique jobseeker résumés to help ensure that they effectively showcase their accomplishments and transferable skills.
- **Veterans' Orientation Workshop held from 1 – 1:30 p.m.** This workshop is geared to help veterans learn how to take advantage of the many services available to them at the state's *American Job Centers*. Staff with the Labor Department's Office for Veterans' Workforce Development can connect veterans with employment opportunities, job

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search assistance, résumé preparation, computer training and skill building for interviewing and networking. Working one-on-one, DOL's employment professionals can also provide referrals to related state and federal programs and supportive services.

A \$475 registration fee for companies wishing to take part in the career fair will provide employers with a skirted table, company sign, listing in the program guide, and extensive advertising prior to the event. Employers can register by visiting www.ctjobfairs.com while jobseekers can visit the site for directions to the fair, a list of employers, career tips and information about employment workshops and recruitment events at the state's *American Job Centers*.

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