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Norwich Veterans' Career Fair is May 7; Danbury Veterans' Job Event Set for May 19

WETHERSFIELD, May 5, 2014 – The Connecticut Department of Labor is partnering with several organizations to offer two job and career fairs in May geared specifically for military veterans. On Wednesday, May 7, the *Step Up for Veterans' Job Fair* will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Norwich, while on Monday, May 19, a *Danbury Veterans' Career Fair* will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Ethan Allen Hotel.

The May 7 event is co-sponsored by the *American Job Center East*, the Eastern CT Workforce Investment Board, and *The Bulletin*. Participating companies include Charter Communications, Crabtree & Evelyn, DATTCO, Dime Bank, General Dynamics-Electric Boat, Mohegan Sun, The Norwich Bulletin, The University of Connecticut, and U.S. Foods.

Computers will be available onsite at the Norwich job fair which will allow jobseekers to submit online job applications. Coordinators from the Step Up wage incentive and training program will also be at the event to help veterans determine if they qualify for the program. The Step Up for Vets program pays a portion of a new employee's salary – up to \$12,500 during the first six months of employment – when an employer hires an unemployed veteran.

In addition, employees from the Connecticut Department of Labor's Office for Veterans' Workforce Development will offer a résumé workshop to help participants strengthen their résumés. The free workshop will be held 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. and again from 1 to 2 p.m.

At the May 19 *Danbury Veterans' Career Fair*, participating companies include Boehringer Ingelheim, Click Bond, Inc., Kimberly Clark Corp., Mohegan Sun, Ulbrich Stainless Steels & Metals, and Viridian Energy. Employees from the Labor Department's Office for Veterans' Workforce Development will also be on hand throughout the day to critique résumés and provide career advice and assistance.

The Holiday Inn Norwich is located at 10 Laura Boulevard, Norwich, while the Ethan Allen Hotel is located at 21 Lake Avenue Extension, Danbury. Both sites offer free parking. Please visit www.ctjobfairs.com for additional details.

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