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# Labor Department Veterans' Staff Step Up to Assist *Stand Down 2011* Event on Sept. 9

WETHERSFIELD, Aug. 18 – Connecticut Department of Labor's Office for Veterans' Workforce Development staff, all veterans themselves, will be alongside other veterans to offer their assistance at Stand Down 2011 – a major, one-day outreach and support event for veterans who are homeless, unemployed or have medical concerns. This year's event will be held Sept. 9 at the State Veterans Home, 287 West Street in Rocky Hill from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

A record 1,300 veterans attended last year's Stand Down – an annual event organized by the Department of Veterans' Affairs. More than 50 government agencies and private organizations are expected to participate this year. In addition to re-employment assistance, services offered include housing referrals, social service assistance, DMV services, VA benefit assistance, medical, dental and mental health screenings and free clothing.

According to State Labor Commissioner Glenn Marshall, the Department's veterans' employment staff will be helping throughout the day – assisting with job searches, résumé development and review, giving advice and listening – to help our veterans better their chances for employment.

"The Department of Labor is always looking for opportunities to meet directly with the people who need our services and, as with our annual *Heroes4Hire* veterans-only job and career fair, this is a perfect opportunity to do just that," Marshall added.

Free transportation will be provided to attendees from pick-up locations in Bridgeport, Danbury, Hartford, Meriden, New Britain, New Haven, New London, Norwich, Stamford, Torrington and Waterbury.

"Returning to work is a crucial step in getting our Veterans back to civilian life, and our goal is to reach out to all veterans especially those who are experiencing difficult times mentally, physically or economically," explains Terry Brennan, Director of the Office for Veterans' Workforce Development.

Pick-up and drop-off locations will be posted on the Department of Labor's Office for Veterans' Workforce Development Internet site at [www.ctvets.org](http://www.ctvets.org) or can be provided by calling the CT Department of Veterans Affairs at (860) 616-3801.

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